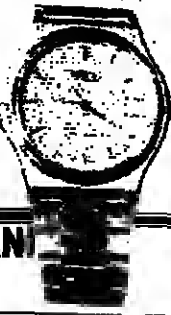


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## US will try to get UN resolution implemented

# Gulf war will end soon: Walters

By Jadranka Porter

THE US Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, has expressed hope that the Iraq-Iran war will end soon because "the people of both countries must be tired of the conflict."

He pledged further US efforts towards implementing the UN ceasefire resolution.

Walters was speaking at a news conference before leaving Kuwait for Oman.

"I wouldn't say that I have a real indication that the war is drawing to an end but I am an old soldier and I know what war is about. War is one thing in the capital, it is another thing in the trenches," said Walters, who held the rank of general in the US Army.

### Stress

He said the Gulf war figured prominently in the wide-ranging and useful discussions he had with HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the minister of state for Cabinet Affairs and the under-secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His visit to Kuwait, his first to the Gulf state, forms part of a Middle East and Gulf tour which includes visits to all the countries of the region except the two Yemenis.

He stressed the UN Security Council resolution 598 calling for the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran conflict is not dead and pointed out that the US will never abandon



HH the Amir yesterday received Walters (left).

don't support for it.

"We will work hard and earnestly and urge all our friends to help us get the second resolution on the embargo if Iran does not accept 598," Walters said.

He indicated that President Reagan would attempt to enlist Soviet support for the embargo resolution during his visit to Moscow at the end of this month.

Walters said that Iran's Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, "who recently declared that Iran was at war with the US, is given to great exaggerations."

He added that the US prefers to keep Iran worrying about

what would be a sufficient provocation for the US to consider itself at war with Iran.

He said he was unaware of any proposed deal for the release of American hostages held in Beirut.

"We don't believe that the way you do things is to bargain with the terrorists and in no way will the United States ever bring pressure of any kind in that troublesome area upon the Kuwaiti government," said Walters. The American hostages are held by Shi'ite Muslim militants who demand the release of 17 terrorists held in Kuwait.

Discussions on hostages in

public, he said, could harm their safety. "We should think of the hostages always, we should speak much about them in private but not often in public. The less one talks about it the safer they are."

Commenting on the reported threat by Hezbollah in Beirut to kill the hostages in the event of Syrian troops penetrating into the suburbs in southern Beirut, Walters said: "It is a savage statement. I hope they will not be insane and do something like that. Such an action would obviously have consequences."

He later arrived in Muscat, the Omani capital.

## Zia to quit Army by March 1990

RAWALPINDI, May 23, (UPI): President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who seized power in a coup nearly 11 years ago, said today he would step down as Army chief by March 1990, but he raised the possibility of seeking another term as President.

In an interview, Zia also said he was encouraged by Muslim guerrilla successes in Afghanistan since the Soviet withdrawal began May 15. Zia held out the possibility that Pakistan might recognize a provisional rebel government even before the expected fall of the communist regime in Kabul.

The 64-year-old Army chief, the architect of a civilian government that has emerged since he

lifted martial law in 1985, said his purpose for retaining control of the military would be served by 1990 and that he would then hand over authority to "the next man."

By 1990, Zia said he would have provided "a little boost" to the ruling party "to give them sustainability and some strength ... so they don't have to worry about a fourth martial law, another military coup or something like that."

It was the first time that Zia has set a date by which he will surrender the military post — a position the opposition has demanded he relinquish, saying it is incompatible with the largely

ceremonial role of President. "There's a phase which finishes in March 1990," Zia said. "I've not given thought of what (lies) beyond 1990. But one thing is certain, I will not be in uniform beyond 1990. Whether I am the President or not is a different story."

Zia's critics, including opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, charge that he derives his power primarily from his control over the military and that his resignation as Army chief would be a significant step toward strengthening civilian rule in Pakistan.

Under the 1973 constitution amended in 1985, the presidential term of five years must end no

later than March 1990, when a new President will be elected by the National Assembly under a party system.

While raising the possibility of seeking another presidential term, Zia said: "The chances are less because I've not joined any party. I can only be President beyond March 1990 if I am elected by the legislature."

Zia, as Army chief, led a coup July 5, 1977, that toppled Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the father of Benazir, amid widespread charges of vote rigging in parliamentary elections. Bhutto was charged with the murder of a political rival and hanged two years later despite international appeals to Zia for clemency.

## Minister fails to get service from 101

By Hussein Salama

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Shaban, after failing to get service from the 101 information line at different times, he said that he now understands how citizens feel about not being able to get the needed service and information.

He has promised to solve the problem.

He explained that 40 female operators now work six hours a day on the information line. He said that one way of alleviating some of the pressure on the 101 line would be to reduce the work hours to four and provide training for the operators in efficient work procedures and public relations.

He also said the telephone directory could be redesigned, so that the listings are in alphabetical order by the surname, in an attempt to take some of the load off the need for 101 service.

### Bills

Al Shaban said that current telephone bills are now being paid promptly but overdue bills totalling KD27 million dating back to before 1978 were still being studied by the ministry before turning them over to the Council of Ministers for action.

He added that expatriates who did not wish to pay the KD500 deposit for overseas telephone service could subscribe to local service without paying the deposit.

The minister said that Gulf Cooperation Council states are working on a joint communications system and a decision was made in March to link Oman with the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait with Bahrain by marine cable.

## Opposition throws a challenge to Rajiv

### V. P. Singh to contest crucial by-election

NEW DELHI, May 23, (Reuters): India's fragmented opposition came together today to put up Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's best known political rival, V.P. Singh, in a crucial by-election next month.

Singh filed his nomination to the Allahabad parliamentary constituency in India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh, as a joint opposition candidate to fill a vacancy caused last year when movie idol and Rajiv intimate Amitabh Bachchan resigned.

Rajiv overlooked Bachechan, who stepped down in the midst of a series of corruption scandals, to pick Sunil Shastri, son of a former

prime minister, as his Congress (I) party candidate for the prestigious seat.

Allahabad is the birthplace and former parliamentary constituency of independent India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajiv's grandfather.

Singh quit Rajiv's camp in 1986 and launched a national campaign to focus attention on opposition charges that kickbacks were paid by West German and Swedish companies to secure Indian defence contracts.

The charges involve West Germany's Howaldtswerk-Deutsche Werft AG of Kiel, which was contracted to supply the Indian Navy with four HDW type 150

submarines and Sweden's Bofors which sold the Indian Army \$1.3 billion worth of field artillery.

The Indian government and the companies have denied any wrongdoing.

The Allahabad seat is one of seven parliamentary and 12 state assembly seats at stake in one of the last electoral contests before general elections due early in 1989.

Shastri, son of a popular former Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, is expected to be a formidable opponent.

The Congress (I) has put up candidates for every seat in the by-elections.

## Dhaka hanged 561 for taking part in coup

DHAKA, May 23, (UPI): Authorities hanged 561 Bangladesh Air Force personnel who participated in an abortive 1977 coup against President Zia-ul-Rahman, a report on the ill-fated military insurrection said today.

The 30-page report entitled "The History of the Bangladesh Air Force," the first official account of the one-day rebellion, said the takeover attempt on Oct 2, 1977, failed because of action against the rebels by an Army division guarding Dhaka.

"On Oct 2, 1977, the blackest day in the history of the Bangladesh Air Force, there was staged a coup that led to the hanging of 561 airmen," the booklet said.

The report said an unspecified number of Air Force personnel commandeered 25 vehicles and rushed to the airport, where Air Force chief Mohammad Mahmud had negotiated the departure of a Japanese Airlines plane that had been hijacked by the leftist Red Army organisation. The report, completed for

internal distribution among military officials, detailed how the rebels killed 1 senior officers "and a large number of others" at the airport after the plane had departed.

It said the coup participants then occupied the television station, but that Dhaka's 9th Division moved against the group, crushing the insurrection by the end of the day.

Attempts The report did not say when the executions occurred, but officials said the men accused of involvement in the uprising were hanged over a six-month period under direct orders from President Zia-ul-Rahman, later killed in a 1981 coup.

Twenty-one coup attempts have been recorded in the turbulent 17-year-old history of Bangladesh.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, who gained power in a bloodless March 1982 coup, has faced violent political demonstrations organised by opponents demanding his resignation.

## Danish film wins in Cannes

CANNES, France, May 23, (AP): The Danish movie "Pelle the Conqueror" today won the Golden Palm award as best film of the 41st Cannes Film Festival. French film star Gerard Depardieu presented the coveted prize to Danish director Bille August.

The prize for best actor was awarded to Forest Whitaker for his portrayal of jazz great Charlie Parker in the American film "Bird," directed by Clint Eastwood.



## Arafat denies

TUNIS, (Reuters): PLO leader Yasser Arafat has denied what he called an official US accusation that he had approved plans for revenge attacks on American targets for last month's slaying of his military deputy.

## Plane hijacked

PANAMA CITY, (Reuters): A gunman claiming to be terminally ill hijacked a Colombian airliner on a domestic flight yesterday, freed all 131 passengers and flight attendants and forced the crew to fly to Panama. About three hours after landing in Panama, the plane was refuelled and took off again. Officials said the destination was the Caribbean island of Aruba, off the coast of Colombia.

## Millions for cats

LONDON, (Reuters): A British antiques dealer has left £7 million (\$13 million) to cat charities and nothing to relatives, friends have said. "You could hear a pin drop," said Donny Hood, a friend who attended the reading of 82-year-old Ben Rea's will. Rea, described as a millionaire recluse who wore shabby, second-hand clothes, was buried last Wednesday.

## Chinese pledge

BEIJING, (AP): Chinese Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang has promised visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo that China would continue to support Pakistan's stand on the Afghanistan issue.

## Noriega deal

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President Reagan has sent his envoy back to Panama to press for a deal that would oust General Manuel Antonio Noriega, but he discouraged talk he wanted the deal done before he leaves for the Moscow summit.

## Attack on UK tanker

### Iraq rejects British protest

BAGHDAD, May 23, (Agencies): Iraq has rejected a British protest over an Iraqi air raid in the Gulf in which the British-flag tanker Burmah Endeavour was set on fire, the official Iraqi News Agency INA reported today.

The agency issued texts of the British government protest, delivered to the Iraqi embassy in London on May 17, and Baghdad's reply two days later.

Britain described the attack on the Burmah Endeavour as premeditated, unjustified and illegal. It said it clearly breached the UN Security Council resolution last July which ordered a ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war and

was accepted by the Iraqi government.

Iraq repudiated the ship was in "an area of war operations within Iran's territorial waters, which means that it was dealing and cooperating with Iran to revivify war economy ... to continue the aggressive war against Iraq."

The Burmah Endeavour was hit on May 14 in an Iraqi raid on Iran's Larak oil terminal. The Iraqi jets also damaged the world's biggest tanker, the 564,739-tonne Liberian-registered Seawise Giant, and two other tankers.

The British government said it

reserved the right to claim compensation for casualties, damage and expenses resulting from the attack on the Burmah Endeavour.

Iraq said it was not liable for the consequences of legitimate war operations.

International law allowed Iraq, as party to an armed conflict with Iran, to carry out war operations against ships cooperating with the enemy, it said.

Iraq warned today it may launch fresh offensives against Iran if Tehran continued to reject a peaceful settlement of the Gulf conflict.

## Awad appeals deportation order

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 23, (AP): The supreme court heard an appeal today by an Arab-American advocate of civil disobedience who asked the judges to scrap a deportation order against him and threatened to convert and return to Israel as a Jew if the order stands.

The three-judge panel reserved decision after a three-hour hearing, but did not set a date for its ruling, which is expected to have far-reaching consequences for the legal status of the 130,000 Arabs who live in Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem.

### Status

Israeli officials ordered Mubarak Awad, 44, to be deported on May 6, saying he had played a leading role in the 24-week-old Arab uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But during the hearing, lawyers for both sides sidestepped politics and focussed on Awad's legal status under Israeli immigration law.

Awad, who has been jailed since May 5, looked pale when he entered the packed courtroom wearing a beige suit and a blue-striped shirt. He briefly kissed his American-born wife, Nancy Nye, and talked to reporters during recess.

Awad rejected government

allegations that he had helped incite often violent anti-Israeli protests. He said he stood by his advocacy of non-violent action such as tax boycotts and strikes.

He also said Israel's effort to deport him has helped popularise his ideas. "My ideas have caught, thanks to the Israelis who put so much pressure on me," Awad said.

Asked what he would do if deported, Awad told reporters one option was to convert to Judaism and come back under the Law of Return which grants automatic Israeli citizenship to all Jews.

Two Jewish editors of a banned Hebrew-Arabic newspaper were charged in an Israeli court today with membership of an outlawed Palestinian group, security officials said.

Women editors, Roni Ben-Effrat and Michal Schwartz, were accused in Jerusalem district court of publishing a newspaper called Derech Hamitot with financing from the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine group.

Nearly 200,000 Arab youngsters in the occupied West Bank returned to school today and Palestinian leaders said the Israeli decision to end the nearly four-month shutdown of classes was a "glorious victory."

## Beirut clashes continue

### Syria rejects Iranian plan for joint force

BEIRUT, May 23, (UPI): Fighting between rival Shiite Muslim groups continued for a 19th day today amid reports that Syria had rejected a proposed truce between the two sides because it called for an Iranian role in monitoring the ceasefire, police and political sources said.

Police said the Iran-inspired Hezbollah exchanged sporadic rocket and machine-gun fire today with the pro-Syrian Amal militia, leaving five people dead, including two fundamentalists, and 13 wounded. The latest casualties brought the toll in the 19-day suburbs war to 231 dead and more than 1,000 wounded.

Political sources said Syria

had rejected an Iranian truce proposal that called for the deployment of a joint force to re-establish peace and order in the sprawling suburbs, where fierce fighting between Amal and Hezbollah erupted on May 6.

"Syria refuses any Iranian peace role ... they want to take control of security in the suburbs just as they did in West Beirut," one source said.

He said the proposal was made by Iran's envoy, Hussein Sheikh-boleslam, at a meeting overnight Sunday of the four-man security committee. The committee also includes a Syrian military observer and representatives from Amal and Hezbollah.

"The meeting was called off after the rejection of the Iranian proposal," the source said.

Syria, a power broker in Lebanon with 30,000 troops, has massed several thousand troops on the outskirts of the slums, but it has not yet directed the soldiers to enter the battle zone. Some 7,000 troops maintain security in West Beirut under a peace plan that ended militia rule in February 1987.

Political sources said Iran was opposed to a large-scale Syrian deployment in the impoverished suburbs "because they fear it could lead to freeing the foreign hostages before fulfilling the purpose for which the captives were

taken."

"Iran also wants guarantees about the political and military future of Hezbollah once the Syrians have taken control of the suburbs," a source said.

The leftist As Saif newspaper today quoted Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Vice-President, as saying the Syrian deployment in the suburbs does not aim at releasing the hostages "and this issue does not interest us since our current relations with the United States are not well off."

Iranian and Syrian officials, negotiating for more than a week, have so far failed to reach a ceasefire agreement.

## Sikh pilgrims return to Golden Temple

AMRITSAR, India, May 23, (Agencies): More than 15,000 Sikhs filed solemnly into the Golden Temple today as the sect's holiest shrine opened its doors to the public for the first time since a police siege ended.

The temple was closed during the May 19-18 police siege, which was aimed at driving out Sikh separatists, who have been waging a guerrilla war for an independent homeland since 1982. It had turned the Golden Temple into an armed camp.

Services in the inner sanctum,

which were suspended on the second day of the siege, were resumed by priests yesterday after volunteers washed the floor of the temple with milk in a ceremonial purification.

Police searched all the returning devotees today for weapons at an Amritsar police station, then moved them in four city buses to the temple for worship.

Police and paramilitary troops maintained a cordon around the temple and an around-the-clock curfew within 300 metres (yards) of its walls.

The cordon likely will stay in place until the government reaches an agreement with the Sikh temple management committee, which has refused its request to enforce a ban on militants re-entering the shrine.

The two-week suspension of rituals was the longest break in the 400-year history of the Sikh faith's boldest shrine.

Sikh separatists fighting for an independent homeland they call Khalistan in the prosperous northern state of Punjab, have effectively taken over the temple several times.

The 1984 Army operation, in which more than 1,000 people were killed, was aimed at rooting them out but Sikhs were outraged at what they saw as sacrilege. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by Sikh bodyguards four months later.

Militants were chased out again in 1986. After the latest siege by paramilitary police ended, the Punjab authorities are making unprecedented moves to ensure there is no recurrence.



## INTERNATIONAL

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Turkish foreign minister arrives

## Bomb blasts rock Athens

ATHENS, May 23, (AP): A local terrorist group today claimed responsibility for bomb attacks in downtown Athens against cars owned by Turkish diplomats, security police said.

The explosions occurred hours before Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz was arriving for a four-day visit.

The leftwing November 17 group, which has taken responsibility for more than a dozen political killings in Greece, made the claim in a statement sent to the Athens afternoon daily Ethnos, a security police spokesman said.

The five-page typewritten statement was published in today's edition of the leftwing newspaper, saying it had targeted "the fascist Turkish regime which has occupied Cypriot territory by force for the past 14 years."

Premier Andreas Papandreu's Socialist government condemned the attacks, which caused no injuries but damaged two cars belonging to Turkish

Embassy administrative officials.

"The government expresses abhorrence for these criminal bomb attacks and condemns most categorically every form of terrorism, whatever its origin," a government statement said.

Bombs exploded beneath cars parked 300 metres apart in a downtown residential area.

**Defused**

Greek bomb disposal experts defused other devices left beneath two other Turkish cars parked near the embassy building on Vassilios Georgiou Street close to the city centre, said the security police spokesman.

Yilmaz arrived today at the head of a Turkish delegation which will hold political cooperation talks with senior Greek officials on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The talks are being held under tight security at a seaside hotel near Athens airport following anti-Turkish threats by Cypriots, Kurdish political



A senior police officer inspects the trunk of a wrecked car in central Athens. (Reuters wirephoto)

refugees and Greeks who formerly lived in the Turkish city of Istanbul.

The Cypriots are protesting the continuing presence of an estimated 30,000 Turkish troops in Northern Cyprus. Turkey invaded the Mediterranean island in July 1974 following an Athens-inspired coup.

Since then, the island has been split into separate Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sectors.

**Targets**

In the past, November 17 has targeted American diplomats and leading Greek businessmen. The group is named for the day in 1973 that troops crushed a

student rebellion against the 1967-74 military dictatorship.

While political discussions take place in Athens, senior economic officials will hold three days of trade and tourism talks in the Turkish capital of Ankara.

The talks are part of a long-term plan to boost Greek-Turkish relations launched by premiers Andreas Papandreu of Greece and Turgut Ozal of Turkey at a January meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

The two premiers also pledged to make annual visits to each other's capitals, and Ozal is due to make a trip to Athens from June 13-15.

## Foreign films on Dhaka TV 'no threat to morality'

DHAKA, May 23, (Reuters): Foreign films shown on Bangladesh state television are educative and not intended to promote nudity or open sex, Information Minister Mahbubur Rahman said in parliament.

"Bangladesh TV has never telecast a kissing scene in any film apart from those between mother and children," he said.

"It never screens nude films. It shows only those English movies which contain educative elements and never flout religious, social and moral values," he said.

Rahman was answering charges by opposition members that television was hurting religious feelings by showing too many Western feature films and documentaries.

More than 90 per cent of Bangladesh's 105 million people are believers of Islam, which imposes stringent restrictions on sexuality.

The minister sought to shift blame on Indian Television, watched widely in Bangladesh, saying "Some might have seen naked movies over the (India's) Doordarshan."

The TV went off the air for five minutes last year after censors let slip through a kissing scene in the popular US serial Dailas and technicians inadvertently switched off the broadcast.

## Plot uncovered to disrupt Olympics

TORONTO, May 23, (UPI): US military and CIA officials uncovered a terrorist plot that would create "six weeks of terror" throughout the world and force cancellation of the Summer Olympics in Seoul, the Toronto Sun reported.

The Sun reported sources said terrorists have targeted such airlines as TWA, British Airways, Air France and Air Canada and plan to attack their aircraft and facilities throughout the world.

The proposed campaign focuses on New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Toronto and Hong Kong, where a series of bombs are to be set off in June to discourage passengers from attending the Games, the paper said. The terrorists also want "Japanese Red Army snipers, hijackers and bombers" to infiltrate Seoul via Hong Kong before the Sept 17 opening of the Olympics, the Sun said.

The report quoted an unidentified Central Intelligence Agency source as saying that if the bombings did not discourage travellers from attending the

Games, "there could be more killing that would dwarf the 1972 incident when more than 20 Israelis were killed at the Olympics."

**Mastermind**

The mastermind of the plot is Kim Jong Il, the son of North Korea's leader, Kim Il Sung, the Sun said. A senior CIA officer said the plan is based on "North Korea's insane jealousy of the world focus on their arch rival and fear of economic destruction at the hands of the South Korean government," the Sun said.

Paul Bremer, the State Department official for counter-terrorism, told the newspaper more than 5,000 terrorists from the Japanese Red Army, Lebanon and others were trained in North Korea, where Sung is regarded as one of the most ruthless sponsors of international terrorism.

Japanese police arrested a convicted terrorist two weeks ago and linked the man's visits to North Korea to a planned series of "frightening incidents" scheduled to erupt in the next two months, the paper said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Police kill 8

KUALA LUMPUR, May 23, (AP): Police shot dead eight young men armed with knives who were preparing to attack their headquarters early today, the national news agency reported.

Zulkifli Abdul Rahman, acting police commissioner of Sabah state, told Bernama the men were about to attack division police headquarters at Sandakan, 1,657 kilometres east of here.

## Kidnapping trial

BEIJING, May 23, (AP): A local official appeared in handcuffs before a Beijing court on charges that he helped kidnap a woman toll booth attendant to force her to lower the fee for his minibus, an official report said today.

Zhou Zhiyuan, director of the transport bureau in Baoding, Hebei province, 150 kilometres south of Beijing, told reporters he did not think the case would turn out to be serious, the English-language China Daily said.

## Kwangju clashes

SEOUL, May 23, (AP): Students hurling firebombs and rocks stormed three police stations today in the southern city of Kwangju, and thousands of protesters battled riot police firing tear gas.

Bands of students attacked and damaged the police stations in the provincial city 165 miles (265 kms) south of Seoul in the early morning hours, police said. Protesters smashed windows and doors in the stations before being driven off.

## Soviet retreat

KABUL, May 23, (UPI): The last Soviet troops to retreat from Jalalabad said on their arrival in Kabul that the strategic eastern town on the main supply route from Pakistan was as peaceful as "a main street in Moscow."

The Soviet soldiers rode into the outskirts of the hilly Afghan capital Sunday, hot and tired after the 90-mile (145-km) journey aboard about 200 tanks, armoured personnel carriers and trucks dragging artillery.

## Power shortages

KHARTOUM, May 23, (AP): Police used tear gas to disperse several demonstrations in Khartoum protesting a bread shortage and government-ordered power cuts, witnesses said today.

To deal with unrest elsewhere, the government today sent Cabinet Affairs Minister Salah Abdel-Salam Al-Khalifa to the northern city of Atbara, where similar demonstrations occurred last week and a five-day protest strike began on Sunday.

## Guard kills 11

MANILA, May 23, (Reuters): President Corason Aquino's security guard joined Manila police in a house-to-house search today for a sergeant in the elite unit accused of killing 11 people, including three children, in a drunken shooting spree.

Marine sergeant Marciano Contao, who witnesses said was draped with ammunition belts and carrying an M-16 automatic rifle, disappeared after the Saturday night massacre.

## MP shot dead

JOHANNESBURG, May 23, (AP): Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok expressed outrage today at the murder of a mixed-race member of parliament and said police would take all possible steps to find the killer. Vlok said police as yet have no idea why Peter Sam Jacobs, 42, was killed.

## Reforms approved

MOSCOW, May 23, (Reuters): Kremlin ideology chief Yegor Ligachev announced today that the Communist Party's policy-making central committee had approved a blueprint for reform to be discussed at a key party conference next month.

Ligachev told a parliamentary commission that the "theses" contained important proposals for further economic reform, an extension of openness and the development of Soviet democracy.

## Warships

PORT SAID, Egypt, May 23, (Reuters): A US destroyer and four frigates passed through the Suez Canal today, apparently en route to the Gulf region, a canal spokesman said.

The US has a force of about 30 warships in the Gulf area with the prime job of protecting American-flagged ships from attack and assisting neutral ships calling for help.

## Officials kidnapped

DHAKA, May 23, (Reuters): Tribal guerrillas kidnapped four officials in southern Bangladesh last week, police said today.

The victims were seized at gunpoint from their homes in the Bandarban district of the heavily-forested Chittagong Hill Tracts by the outlawed Shanti Bahini.

## Fascist leader dies at 92

ROME, May 23, (Reuters): Dino Grandi, last surviving leader of fascist Italy and the man who provoked the overthrow of dictator Benito Mussolini, has died aged 92, his family said.

Grandi, the third far-right Italian politician to die at the weekend, was a top leader during fascist rule between 1922 and 1943.

He died from heart disease on Saturday in the central city of Bologna. But his death was not announced until late on Sunday. Grandi held many senior posts under Mussolini, including Foreign Minister and ambassador to Britain, but he was often an outspoken critic of the dictator.

On 25th July 1943, following the allied invasion of Sicily, Grandi, then Justice Minister, presented an order of the day to the fascist grand council calling for Mussolini to hand over most of his powers to King Victor Emmanuel.

## Jayewardene challenges extremist leader to a duel

## Six die in Sri Lanka violence

COLOMBO, May 23, (AP): Six people, including a ruling United National Party provincial council candidate, were gunned down by alleged Sinhalese extremists of the People's Liberation Front, a police official said today.

The attack last night came just hours after President Junius Jayewardene accused front leader Rohana Wijeweera of killing innocent civilians and challenged him to mortal combat.

At least 20 gunmen using Chinese-made T-56 automatic rifles entered the home of provincial council candidate, Jayasekera, and opened fire at Galewela village south of Damhulla town, inspector Sumana Bandara said in a telephone interview.

The victims, including the candidate's police bodyguard, were at a meeting when the incident took place. The other unidentified victims were reportedly government supporters.

Damhulla town is 132 kilometres northeast of Colombo.

"I invite him (Wijeweera) to fight me," said Jayewardene, 82, speaking during a public meeting at Homagama town, 12 kilometres southeast of Colombo.

"Let him choose the weapons, a bomb, a knife, a sword or a gun, even a T-56. I don't know how to use it, but yet I will come. Let us fight face-to-face and see who will die and who will live," Jayewardene said.

Wijeweera, a medical school dropout from Moscow's Patrice Lumumba University, has been

in hiding ever since the front was outlawed in mid-1983 after the government claimed it was responsible for widespread ethnic rioting in which more than 400 Tamils were killed.

Earlier this month, the government lifted the proscription on the front after the National Security Minister, Lalith Athulthumudali, said he struck a peace agreement with the group.

But the agreement wound up a fake when Wijeweera denied he had signed any document and a young Colombo university student turned out to be a fraud after claiming to represent the front.

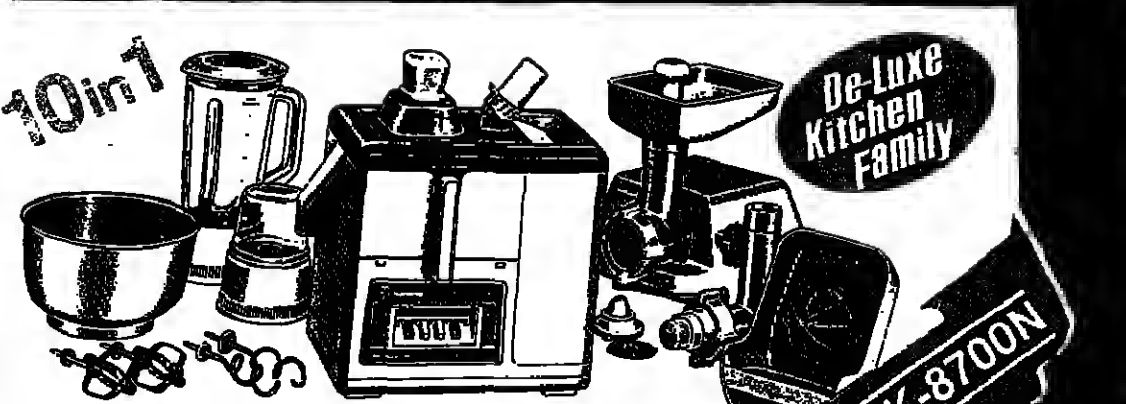
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## Present driving schools' performance unsatisfactory

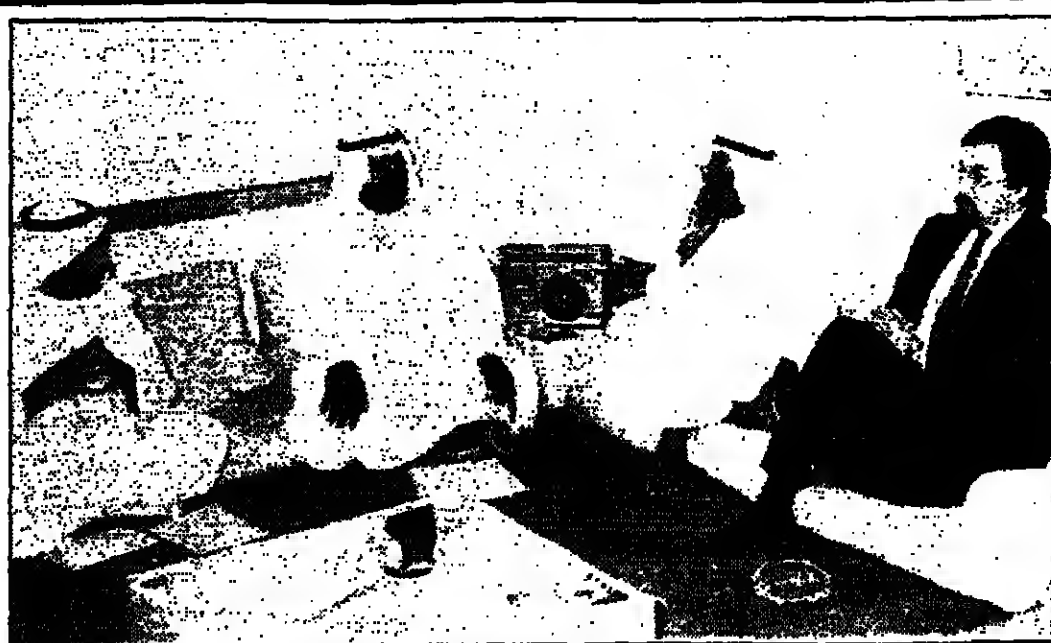
SAQER Al Jasser, director general of Kuwait Company for Learners Driving School, in an address to the weekly seminar of Kuwait Roads Safety Society said the idea of establishing a training school for drivers was not new, but had been suspended due to paucity of funds. However, the Kuwait Public Investment Authority had financed the project with an amount of KD5 million.

The head of the drivers testing division at Hawalli Traffic Department Major Hudaib Al Hamdan said current training schools for drivers in Kuwait were not performing their duties in a satisfactory manner. This, he commented, was adversely reflected in the number of drivers failing to qualify at their driving tests.

Al Jasser commented that the board of directors of Kuwait Company for Learners Driving School was formed under the chairmanship of the director general of the traffic department Brigadier Fuad Mussaad Al Saleh and four members representing the traffic department and the private sectors. The company to be situated near the general traffic department at Shuwaikh had decided to set-up training centres in each governorate on land measuring 25,000 square metres each. He said, the plan was formulated in 1988 and expected to be implemented in 1989.

### Mechanics

To qualify trainees in the mechanical and first aid aspects, he disclosed that a monthly training programme of two hours daily has been set-up for each trainee. Special days, he said, have been assigned for the training of ladies. Under an agreement concluded between Kuwait and Jordan, some mechanics had been sent to Jordan for a 20-day training course and similar training courses are expected to follow he said.



The seminar in progress

## New phone service

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communication Abdullah Al Sharhan in an interview with a local daily stated that a new director for the subscribers services department will soon be appointed. The new director would succeed Khaled Al Houti who has recently been appointed as Assistant Undersecretary for subscribers services affairs at the ministry.

He disclosed that the ministry would be experimenting with a new telephone service to be carried out at Al Salmiyah Exchange Centre. The experiment, envisaged to begin within a month, is aimed at developing the telephone services of the area. The experiment, he said, would address the speeding-up of the telephone application procedures and to eliminate the red tape prevailing in some exchange centres. Some changes, in the ranks of general controllers at the country's seven telephone exchange centres are also under process he said.

Al Sharhan, added that to achieve its objectives, the ministry relied on the expertise of a working team to be headed by the marketing manager at the ministry Fadel Abu Al Hasan.

## 403 teachers resign

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Education Ministry, Abdul Rahman Al Khudari, has said that a total of 403 teachers have resigned from the four education areas effective at the end of the current academic year. He said that most of the resignations were due to personal reasons, adding that 30 teachers of retirement age, 60, had contracts renewed.

Al Khudari said there was no shortage of teachers as had been rumoured and explained the high number of failures on transition examinations this year to the fact that most of the students worked and were unable to devote sufficient time to their studies. He said the ministry would give students failing the exam another opportunity to sit for the exams if they showed evidence of their intent to complete their education.

contamination from restaurant workers in the area. In a press conference, Abdul Razzak said that all victims had been treated and were in satisfactory condition.



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The Norwegian Ambassador to Kuwait Hans Wilhelm Longva (left) welcomes the PLO representative in Kuwait, Awni Battash, at a reception held yesterday at the SAS Hotel on the occasion of the Norwegian Constitution Day.

## Entry ban on trucks from next year

IBRAHIM Al Ghanim, the director general of the General Customs Department, has said an entry ban on incoming trucks to Kuwait would be enforced as of next year and that special facilities, such as rest stations, stores and accommodation facilities, would be set up at entry points. He said the problem had received attention from HH the Amir and that every attempt was being made to control smuggling operations at land entries.

Al Ghanim said that members of his department had found Israeli-made toy machine guns for sale on the local market and that investigations were underway to determine how these were allowed to enter the country.

He added that he would be leading a delegation to Damascus to attend a Bureau for Boycotting Israel meeting and that Gulf Cooperation Council customs officials would meet on May 29 to discuss issues related to customs.

## Training course in English

ABDUL Karim Jaafar, the director of organisation and control at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health, patronised an English language training course for employees of medical divisions. The course, which is intended to acquaint employees with English medical and technical terms, was attended by 74 employees.

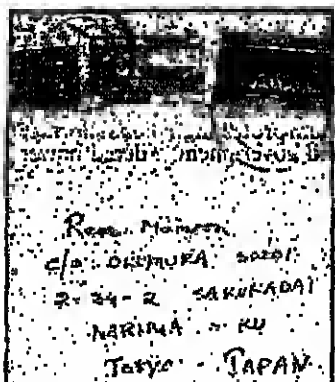
## Probe into illegal food manufacturer

ACCORDING to a local newspaper, an investigation is currently underway into the operation of a food manufacturer which has been operating in Kuwait illegally for four years. The company, which advertises on television, is being investigated for its illegal activity and an attempt is being made to determine how it has managed to escape detection.

## Kuwaiti envoy in economic talks

ABU DHABI, May 23, (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to Abu Dhabi, Mohammed Saud Zahr Al Mai, conferred here today with UAE Economics and Trade Minister Seif Al Jarwan. The ambassador said during the meeting he discussed with the minister ways to strengthen trade and economic cooperation between Kuwait and the UAE under the umbrella of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

## Mystery mail delivery



A LETTER posted from Bangladesh to Tokyo has miraculously arrived in Kuwait. Addressed to Reaz Mamoon, Tokyo, Japan, it was delivered, duly stamped by both Bangladesh and Kuwait postal authorities, yesterday to the Arab Times office. Kuwait has not been mentioned anywhere, either on the front or the back of the envelope, which seems to contain an Eid card sent by Mamoon's family members. Above: the address on the letter.

## Al Hamad to visit Japan

TOKYO, May 23, (Kuna): Amal Mejrin Al Hamad, foreign press controller at the Kuwait Ministry of Information, will visit major Japanese mass media organs starting tomorrow, it was learnt today. Al Hamad, who arrived here on a week-long visit as Japan Foundation, will leave tomorrow on Tuesday by Japanese Japan's largest mass-circulation newspaper, the Yomiuri Shimbun, which prints more than 11 million copies a day and runs television stations and other cultural facilities across the country. She will also visit other newspapers and television stations, including Japan's major TV network, NHK, during her present tour of Tokyo. Japan Foundation is a cultural

arm of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, which invites scholars and influential officials who are friendly to Japan, mainly from Western nations and occasionally from some Middle East countries with which Japan has diplomatic relations.

## GCC ministerial council to meet June 4

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, said yesterday that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ministerial council will meet in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on June 4, one day earlier than its announced date.

In a press statement Sheikh Sabah said that the decision to advance the meeting was taken to give ample time between this meeting and the Arab summit on June 7 in Algiers.

Sheikh Sabah also received several ministers and high officials and exchanged views with them on various important matters.

## Health projects inspected

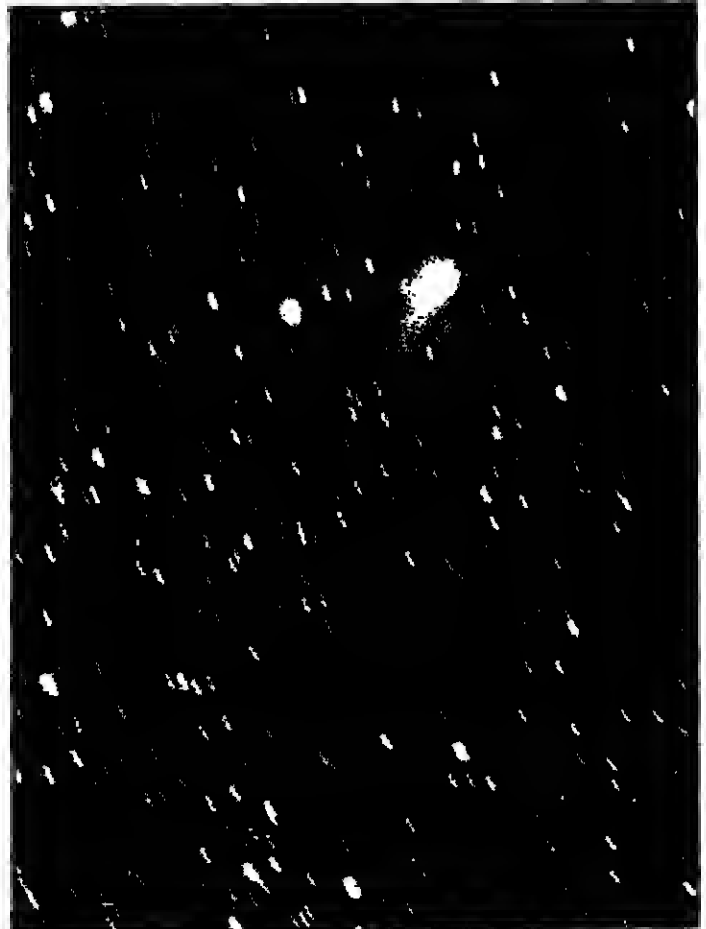
THE chairman of the Patients' Aid Fund, Dr Mohammed Al Jassem, has said that a delegation from Kuwait inspected various health projects supervised by the fund at Palestinian camps in Jordan during the last ten days of Ramadan.

Al Jassem said the delegation visited the charity clinic in Al Baqa, which was built by the fund with a capacity to receive 3,000 patients per month.

He added that the delegation also checked on the needs of more than 1,000 families, widows and orphans to whom aid is provided by the fund.

Three calves were purchased by the delegation and butchered for 400 families at the Palestinian camp in Huttin.

## New comet Liller



A DELEGATION of members from the Amateur Astronomy and Meteorology Association at Kuwait Science Club visited the Salmi area last week to view the new comet "Liller".

The delegation photographed the comet and the picture (above) from Al Oujayr Observatory shows the comet's tail which extends millions of kilometres.

The comet is estimated to be 180 million kilometres from earth at its nearest point.

## Awadi elected

DR Badriya Al Awadi of Kuwait has been elected by a United Nations' body to the list of Honour of 500 experts with the most valuable contributions to protection of the environment.

The UN Environment Protection Programme which picks up the list will sponsor a special event on June 3 to decorate the 500 specialists who merited the honour.

Al Awadi is providing legal advice to the Regional Organisation for Protection of Marine Environment (Ropme) which brings together the eight Arabian Gulf littoral states. She is also a very active member of the Kuwait Environment Protection Society.

## Extortion case

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has referred the case against two employees of the Kuwait Football Union to a special committee at the Ministry of Justice. The two defendants, who pleaded not guilty to charges of extortion and forgery, were brought before the court by the general prosecution.

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## Saudi Arabia and Egypt form central axis in Arab arena

CAIRO, May 23, (Kuna): Egyptian Prime Minister Dr Atef Sidqi has said Saudi Arabia and Egypt form the central axis in Arab, Middle East and Islamic arenas and their relations are historic and based strongly on common interests.

He made these remarks after a meeting with the visiting Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz in Cairo last night.

Dr Sidqi said relations between the kingdom and Egypt had not been cut earlier, adding that resumption of diplomatic ties has expressed deep-rooted and continuing bilateral links in various fields at a time when events of the Gulf war are facing the Arab and Middle East regions as well as various Iranian aggressive acts which call for more coordination between them as it is a question of survival.

He added his talks with Prince Nayef covered bilateral relations and cooperation in all fields, particularly in the field of security.

Dr Sidqi said cooperation in the economic field had been

increasing continuously, adding that we will see more joint ventures in the near future.

For his part, Prince Nayef said he had conveyed to Dr Sidqi greetings of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz and Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, the deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

He described relations between Saudi Arabia and Egypt as strong, covering all sectors and serving the interests of the two peoples and the Arab nation in general.

Prince Nayef said his talks with Dr Sidqi showed identical stances on various subjects that came up for discussions.

Meanwhile, Prince Nayef visited Qadiriya complex for advanced industries.

On arrival at the venue, he was greeted by its chairman Major-General Hussein Abdullah and board members.

During the visit, Prince Nayef was briefed on the complex activities and witnessed a documentary film on its indus-

trial products.

On the other hand, the Egyptian mass media has highlighted the importance of Prince Nayef's visit to Egypt and his statement.

Games hall  
Later, Prince Nayef and Egyptian Interior Minister Major-General Zeki Badr laid down the foundation stone of an indoor international games hall at the headquarters of the sports police federation in Cairo, named after Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz.

Speaking on the occasion, Major-General Abdulhameed Al Wakil, the deputy interior minister and director of the public department of the sports police federation said naming the hall after the Saudi monarch came as a result of the Egyptian youth's appreciation for King Fahd's role in supporting the Arab youth and strong Saudi-Egyptian relations.

For his part, Major-General Zeki Badr said the naming reflected greetings to King Fahd and appreciation for the Saudi leadership and people.



● The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen (right) being welcomed by the West German Ambassador to Kuwait Bernd Wulffen at a reception held at the ambassador's residence yesterday to mark West Germany's Constitution Day.

## Egypt has military experts in five Gulf states

EGYPT'S Defence Minister, Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala, says his country has military experts in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Iraq, according to a Kuwaiti daily.

The newspaper quoted him as saying that Egypt, the Arab world's most powerful country, sought to help Arab states in the Gulf, threatened by the 7 1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war, "by shoring up their defence capabilities" rather than sending troops.

"It is neither in the interest of

Egypt nor the Arab brothers to send Egyptian troops to the Gulf," he said.

Ahu Ghazala was quoted as saying that it was more important for Egypt to play an effective role in ending the Gulf war "even if this necessitates that Egypt establish contacts with Iran."

Speculation has been rife that Egypt would send troops to the Gulf states if they were further threatened by Iran.

Speculation mounted after most Arab countries restored diplomatic relations with Egypt late last year, ending a rupture caused by Cairo's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Despite that rupture, Egypt had been selling arms and ammunition to Iraq during the Gulf war.

Oman, which lies at the southern end of the Gulf and overlooks the strategic Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Gulf, never broke relations with Cairo.

Despite the rift, Egypt maintained trade and cultural links with other Gulf states, including Kuwait, the UAE and Qatar.

Military cooperation has apparently improved since diplomatic ties were revived following the decision by an Arab summit in Jordan in November to allow Arab states to restore relations with Cairo, if they chose.

## Lawyers committee to review complaints

THE board chairman of the Kuwait Lawyers Society, Mishari Al Osaime, has said that the Lawyers Disciplinary Committee would review complaints involving lawyers and their clients. He added that professional misconduct might be possible in cases of new lawyers.

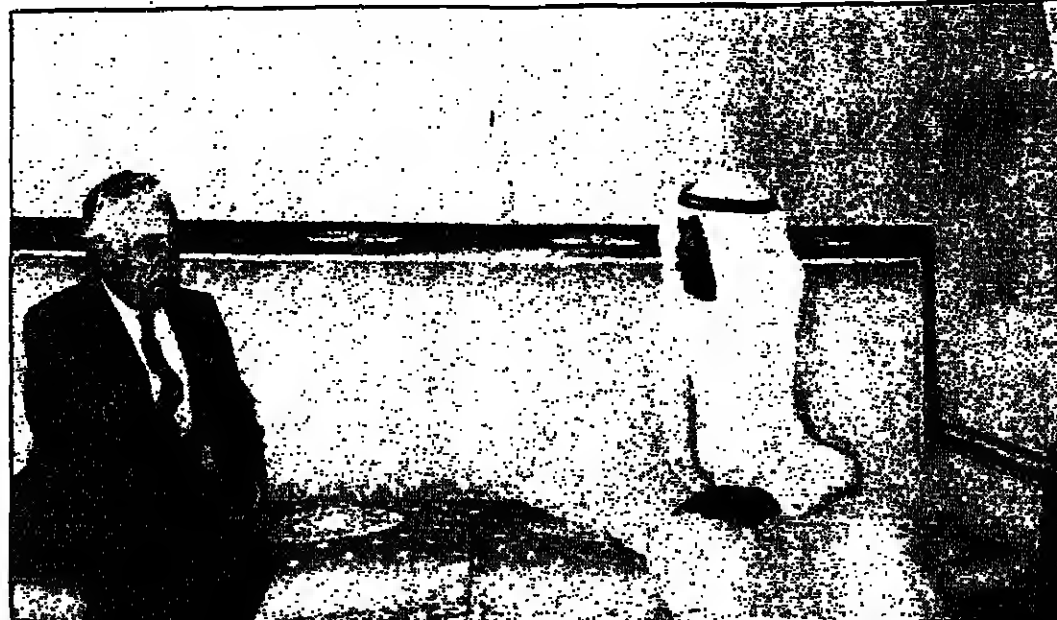
Al Osaime stressed the importance of training courses organised by the Society of Lawyers, adding that the society would prepare a report recommending action to be taken against unlicensed non-Kuwaiti lawyers. Lengthy court procedures are due to the number of cases being examined, compared to the number of legal authorities handling these cases, Al Osaime said.

## 4 years jail for kidnapping

KUWAIT'S Court of Appeals sentenced Sulman S. to four years of imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation for kidnapping.

The defendant was charged with kidnapping a woman, identified as K.G., and forcing her to go to Shiraz, Iran, without her parents' knowledge.

Theman kept the woman, who is under 21 years of age, for one week at his home in Shiraz before her family was able to locate her and have her brought back to Kuwait.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Shaikh Saad Al Abdullah, with Jordanian Higher Education Minister, Dr Naser El Dina Al Assad.

## Call for Arabisation of nursing staff

SOME patients at different hospitals called for Arabisation of nursing staff. However, a cross-section of other patients, believed it was immaterial whether a nurse was a native Arab speaker or not.

Eid Al Rashidi, a patient at Al Razi hospital suffering from back pains, said nurses took their duties seriously and did not discriminate between Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis. He added that he was well treated with nurses giving him proper medication at the appointed times. Al Rashidi commented that Arab nurses were much better than non-Arab nurses, as they gave patients better treatment and provided them with more mental rest.

Mullaq Shbib, a patient at the same hospital said that Arab nurses make patients "feel at home." He felt that foreign nurses were hard to communicate with.

Import  
Khawla Al Sarhan, another patient, said there were delays on service calls. However, medication usually came on time. She was for the Arabisation of the nursing staff.

Ghaziya Kathem suggested that officials increase the number of maids and assistants as elderly patients require maids' assistance more often. She said, foreign nurses impart better treatment to patients.

Hassan Afifa, one of the patients at Ibn Sina hospital said, "there are no differences between Arab and non-Arab nurses, they both treat patients well." She

added that nurses should realise that in their jobs, care of patients is of paramount importance.

From the nurses' view-point, Fatma Seif, a head nurse at Al Razi hospital said that a relation between a nurse and a patient depends on the mental rapport. She said some patients, particularly youths, refused to be treated by female nurses. She felt there was no difference between Arab and non-Arab nurses—in each case, she said, conscience dictated their performances. Further, she said, "nurses are human too, and their mental status would reflect on their jobs."

Muna Abas, head nurse at Ibn Sina hospital said that patients bringing children along with them during treatment caused confusion.

Discrimination  
Amina Boshiri, head nurse at Al Sadri hospital said that foreign and Arab nurses are equally good and what patients really care about is good service. She pointed out that nurses deal with diversified nationalities and of primary importance was the way patients felt towards their nurses and vice versa. She added, however, that the number of Kuwaiti nurses at hospitals is really quite limited.

In conclusion, nurses were unanimous in their feelings that their duties required high standards of human values and there was no basis for any discrimination amongst patients.

## University to admit 2,857 for fall session

THE Dean's Committee at Kuwait University has agreed to admit 2,857 students for the 1988-1989 fall session; 2,298 of whom must be Kuwaitis and 559 non-Kuwaitis.

According to a Kuwaiti daily, applications will be accepted from Kuwaitis who score above 62.2 per cent in their Secondary School Certificate examination science section and 68.4 per cent in the arts section.

To apply for admission, non-Kuwaitis must score more than 90 per cent in the Secondary School Certificate examination and must have had all their education in Kuwait.

Gulf Cooperation Council students will be required to have

at least a 70 per cent score on the Secondary School Certificate examination and must have had all their secondary school education in Kuwait.

Iraqi and Yemeni students must have over 85 per cent to apply. Children with Kuwaiti mothers and non-Kuwaiti fathers will be treated as Kuwaitis and children of military personnel must have over 80 per cent and their fathers must have completed at least 20 years in the Army or police force.

Graduates from the faculties of the Public Authority for Training and Applied Education will be accepted at Kuwait University, the daily said.

## Symposium on uprising

A SYMPOSIUM will take place here next Saturday on the Palestinian popular uprising in the occupied Arab lands, head of the information committee Abdulla Al Anzy said yesterday.

He added in a statement to Kuna, that the four-day seminar, sponsored by the Kuwaiti Graduates Society, is aimed at lending support to the Arab-Palestinian revolt in the occupied Arab territories and will highlight the sufferings of the Palestinians at the hands of Israeli

troops since 1948. More than forty Arab personalities will participate in the activities of the symposium which will include a variety of lectures, he pointed out.

The higher committee of the symposium have sent a number of invitations to Arab, and international figures outside Kuwait to participate in the seminar's activities, he noted.

Al Anzy expressed thanks and appreciation to the social and the governmental corporations

## PLO praises Kuwait's support

THE PLO yesterday praised the Kuwaiti government for its role as a leading supporter of the Palestinian revolution at all levels.

A Palestinian official said here that Kuwait's offer to hold a rally here marking the 40th day of the death of Abu Jihad is greatly appreciated by the Palestinian people and the Palestine Liberation Organisation leadership in particular.

He added, however, the Tunisian government led by President Zein Al-Abidine Ben Ali has insisted on holding the event on the land where Abu Jihad was assassinated. The ceremony will be held in the Tunisian capital on June 3, the source added, noting that another will be held in Kuwait on June 1.

## Live scorpion taken from man's ear

RIYADH, May 23, (Reuters): Saudi doctors have removed a scorpion from the ear of a man who complained of earache, the Saudi Gazette said today.

It said the five-cm (two-inch) scorpion spent 10 hours in Saleh Awwadh Al-Makhlafi's ear without harming him but stung him when it was removed at a local hospital.

The newspaper quoted a doctor as saying the creature probably had crawled into Makhlafi's ear while he slept. There was no mention of his condition following the operation.

## Kuwaiti passports to be changed

ACCORDING to a Kuwaiti daily the Interior Ministry will be changing Kuwaiti passports to designs which meet international specifications. The purpose of the change is to make forgeries more difficult.

Equipment has been ordered for printing the passports, which will use a laser process for engraving the holder's photograph. Kuwaitis will be trained to use the equipment, which is expected to arrive in July.

Citizens will be notified as to when they will be able to change their passports at the governorate of their residence. Present passports will be cancelled as new ones are issued.

## Legal protocol

CAIRO, May 23, (Kuna): Kuwait's Justice Minister, Dhari Abdulla Al Othman, and his Egyptian counterpart, Farouq Sief Al Naser, met here today to finalise an accord to streamline cooperation between the two countries in legal and judicial matters.

The official Egyptian Middle East News Agency which reported the meeting, said the two ministers also agreed on a protocol to exchange expertise in training lawmen.

Kuwaiti lawmen could immediately join the Cairo centre for law studies even before the formal signing of any accord, the Kuwaiti minister was told by his host, according to the agency.

Al Othman, who arrived here on Sunday for a five-day visit, later inspected several Cairo courts and was accompanied by the Egyptian minister.

## Algerian envoy arrives in UAE

ABU DHABI, May 23, (Kuna): Algerian State Minister for Presidential Affairs Mohammed Ahmad Abdel Ghani today arrived here following a two day visit to Qatar.

The Algerian official is carrying a message to United Arab Emirates' President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayya from his Algerian counterpart Chadli Ben Jedid, which includes an invitation to Sheikh Zayed to attend the emergency Arab summit

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audience

HH the Amir met yesterday the Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber, after his return to the country.

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received a message from his Jordanian counterpart Prince Hassan Bin Talal.

The message was delivered by the Jordanian Higher Education Minister Dr Naser El Dine Al Assad during his meeting with Sheikh Saad.

The meeting was attended by Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri and Jordanian ambassador to Kuwait.

The visiting Jordanian minister later conferred with director general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr Abdel Rahman Al Mhailan.

Al Nouri and other education officials attended the meeting. The officials reviewed the system applied by the authority in teaching, admissions and registrations.

### Crown Prince cable

HH Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a cable to Jordan's King Hussein. It was disclosed yesterday.

The office of Sheikh Saad said the cable was a congratulatory message on the occasion of Jordan's National Day. Sheikh Saad also sent a similar cable to Jordan's Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifae.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Assad urged to play the mediator role

A KUWAITI daily yesterday named Syrian President Hafez Assad as the man qualified to stop the "death machine" and persuade Iran that it is not in its interest to continue its nearly eight-year-old war with Iraq.

"Even if we differ with President Assad on his stance toward the Iraq-Iran war, even so we know more about that, we are quite confident that this man senses the danger of the circumstance and the greatness of the conspiracy," said Daily Al Rai Al Aam in a front-page editorial.

The paper called on Damascus to assume its leading role in order to end division among the ranks of Arab countries and help confront the challenges staring the Arab nation in the eye.

It urged President Assad to play the role of the mediator to end the bloodshed in the Arabian Gulf, slayed by "evil powers" which aim at "keeping Cairo isolated, Baghdad busy and Damascus deep into the Lebanese grief, not to mention other national anxieties."

## GULF PRESS

### Summit to be utilised for Mideast peace

A UNITED Arab Emirates English language daily urged the Soviet Union to "utilise" its forthcoming summit with the US to bring about a just peace in the Middle East.

The Dubai-based Khaleej Times was commenting in an editorial on the recent visit of Egyptian Foreign Minister Esnat Abdel Meguid to Moscow.

The paper said the visit, the first by a high-ranking Egyptian official in over 10 years "could turn out to be significant for not only bilateral Arab-Moscow ties but the Middle East as a whole."

"Abdel Meguid's visit has come just before the Moscow summit which the Arabs—hope will consider the Middle East question on a priority basis," the Khaleej Times said.

It noted the Soviet Union "has always supported the Arab point of view with regard to both recognition of the PLO and the convening of an international peace conference."

But the paper pointed to what it called "signs of Moscow trying to perform too fine a balancing act" on the Middle East issue.

The paper referred to recent Kremlin statements and Soviet flexibility in Jewish emigration to Israel saying "it is understandable that Mr Gorbachev should not wish to endanger his entente with the Americans."

"But the US is equally anxious for Soviet cooperation in many matters and the Arabs expect Gorbachev to use whatever bargaining power he has to their advantage."

It urged the Soviet leader to dispell the impression that he is prepared to compromise "on some of the principles which the Soviet Union has always championed in the Middle East."

The Khaleej Times hoped the Egyptian Foreign Minister had emphasised to Soviet leaders "the need to utilise the forthcoming (superpowers) summit for the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East."

### Pessimism over summit

Another UAE newspaper expressed pessimism over the outcome of the forthcoming US-Soviet summit in achieving peace in the Middle East in the light of what it called America's "disregard of Arab rights."

Al Wahda newspaper published from Abu Dhabi called on the Arabs not to wait for the results of the Moscow summit between US President Reagan and the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and to "form a unanimous Arab stand towards peace settlements."

The paper urged the Arabs not to await the results of the Summit which would be "ruled by the greed of world powers."

Referring to the peace initiative of US Secretary of State, George Shultz, the paper called on the Arabs to "reject it and demand the Soviet Union to determine the fate of the international peace conference in the Middle East."

"Arabs have legal rights and must be on an essential party in accepting or rejecting any settlement and must not obey what the US requires or what the Soviet leadership prefers," the paper concluded.

## KAC team to take part in AACU session

A KUWAIT Airways delegation yesterday was due to leave for Damascus to take part in deliberations of the 21st session of Arab Air Carriers Union (AACU), due to begin there today.

Board chairman and managing director of Kuwait Airways Ahmed Al Meshari, who leads the KAC's delegation to the meetings, told Kuna that the agenda of the conference includes a number of issues dealing with cooperation between Arab air-carriers.

He said the conferees will examine a strategy for Arab com-

mercial carriers and proposals regarding the enhancement of cooperation between their companies.

The two-day conference will examine progress towards the establishment of an Arab company for financing chartering and purchasing aircrafts, he said, noting that the setting up of such joint firm will assist Arab air-carriers companies to modernise their fleets and unify their systems.

Senior staff from various KAC departments will accompany Meshari.

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## Kuwait scenes by Yugoslav artist

## A diplomat's seal of affection

By Jadranka Porter

THE Kuwait Towers, that indelible symbol of modern Kuwait, seen from behind the Dasmann Palace as Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic saw them, provide an odd background to the palace complex. They appear as some surrealistic structure overhanging a cosy cluster of sand coloured buildings that mismatch the towers both in the architectural style and period.

But that is what Kuwait is for Prodanovic the artist — a mélange of old and new, traditional and modern, local and foreign. Twenty-five of his paintings went on show on Sunday at the Boushahri Gallery. The exhibition is a result of months of work, at intervals, snatched from his busy schedule dictated by his job as counsellor at the Yugoslav Embassy in Kuwait.

The towers which figure on four of his oils have more of a functional than aesthetic role to play. They help provide a contrast between the new and old Kuwait that he sought to portray. This impression is accentuated by a relative simplicity of line and colour when depicting the towers and warm and detail when portraying the old buildings in their vicinity.

Prodanovic was obviously not anxious to make the towers particularly appealing. His affinity for traditional elements in Kuwait's landscape is palpable and natural.

It also brought out the best in him as an artist as could be seen from works depicting the Doha shipyard, old dhow, old mosques and Behbehania, an old area in Kuwait still retain-

ing the features its builders meant it to have. If his works juxtaposing the traditional and modern provoke questions, the paintings portraying the traditional aspects of life in Kuwait are a definite statement. The old shipwright, crouching in a green sarong and chipping wood next to a dhow he is building is a man at peace with himself. The painting suggests silence, resignation, a sense of timelessness.

Similarly a painting of an old mosque with an adjacent grocery shop but no grocer brings to mind the noontime heat and a feeling of indolence that comes with it. An abandoned dhow uncomfortably lopsided in shallow waters makes a viewer want to reach out and put it straight.

Some of the paintings give an impression that Prodanovic exercised restraint, was over-cautious, attempting to rein in emotions at the root of the inner drive that made him paint in the first place. This could be because at times he was forced to paint from memory and photographs, something which he resents. He is a landscape painter who needs to work in open air but that is not always possible in Kuwait.

Nevertheless the paintings strike a responsive cord with a viewer. This is important for Prodanovic who believes that painting is a way of communication between the artist and art lovers.

The exhibition, which runs until June 9, has a special significance for him. It is perhaps his farewell gift to Kuwait. His term of duty ends in August. But more than that it is an effort which has sealed his affection for the country in which he spent four memorable years.



Jovica Prodanovic: farewell gift to Kuwait



Kuwait Towers: surrealistic structure

## The best of British

WITH a fanfare of brass from a band of Beefeaters sitting under the span of a model of London's famous Tower Bridge, the British Ambassador, Peter Hinchcliffe, cut the ribbon to open the Best of British Fair at the Holiday Inn on Sunday night. After the opening, the Beefeaters gave way to the Caledonian pipes and drums and the skirling sounds of 'Scotland the Brave' filled the lobby. Then it was the turn of the Scottish country dancers who performed several reels to loud applause.

The British Festival at the Holiday Inn is an annual event that draws many British companies to display their wares. The British Airways stand was the biggest where the sales staff gave out brochures and information about destinations all over the world. Sales Manager Ralph Collins urged people to book early since flights are likely to be full this summer.



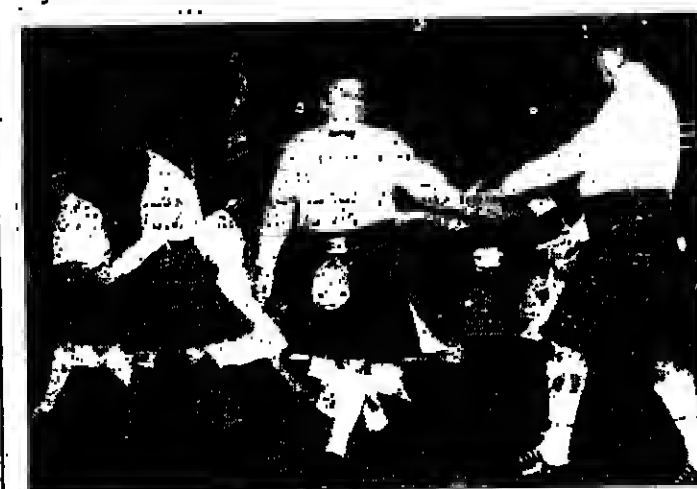
British Ambassador Peter Hinchcliffe cuts the ribbon as Holiday Inn General Manager Jean Abou Nohra and Mrs Hinchcliffe (centre) look on.

Other displays covered a wide variety of British goods, from humble Polo mints to luxury cars like the latest Rolls Royce and the Austin Rover Montego and a range of Sun-silk shampoos. The Lobby cafeteria has gone over to a British menu that includes real fish and chips, served in newspaper, old-fashioned rice pud-

ding and cream teas with fresh scones, clotted cream and jam.

The nightclub is putting on a special 'Best of British' show all week that includes a jazz band and two popular local singers, Rosie Taylor and Dermot O'Connell. If you fancy going, it's probably best to book soon since the show is already proving to be very popular.

There are two major competitions as well, to add to the fun. Everyone who goes to the nightclub show will get a free entry ticket for which the prize is a free return ticket to London on British Airways and a free week in the Holiday Inn: at Swiss Cottage. For those who attend the festival in the lobby there will be a raffle every night for special souvenir footballs, each one signed by every member of the Chelsea Football Club. Then at the end of the week, these raffle tickets will go into a special draw for another British Airways ticket to London and a free week in the Holiday Inn at Marble Arch.



Scottish dancers entertaining spectators at the opening of the British Fair.

## Bulgarians celebrate Day of Letters

THE Bulgarians in Kuwait celebrate the "Day of Letters and Culture" today. About 100 students, who studied in Bulgarian universities, will attend a reception tomorrow, to be hosted by the Bulgarian Ambassador, Angel N. Mantchev to mark the occasion.

The day is celebrated every May 24, by Bulgarians who maintain a centuries-old tradition to honour two men — Cyril and Methodius, who invented the Slavonic alphabet, paving the way for education, literature and culture in that country.

The Bulgarian embassy in Kuwait will be closed today to celebrate the cultural festival.

## MAP volunteers to visit Kuwait

TWO volunteers of Medical Aid for Palestinians, Susan Wighton and Dr Swee Chai Ang, will arrive in Kuwait on May 28 to take part in a charity show for Palestinian children. MAP is a British charity established after the massacres at Sabra and Shatila under a deed of trust "for the relief of poverty and sickness... advancement of education amongst refugees and other displaced persons."

The charity show is on June 2 at the Regency Palace Hotel. Susan Wighton, a health worker and active member of

MAP, is best known for her efforts to publicise the plight of the Palestinians living in refugee camps in Beirut.

Swee Chai Ang, an experienced orthopaedic surgeon, concentrates her efforts in negotiating with various Lebanese and Palestinian factions on medical work so that other MAP volunteers can work in camps.

The MAP members are expected to meet high ranking officials in Kuwait. Proceeds from the charity show will be donated to MAP.

● All entries for the What's On column must be handed over personally to Events Section, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

**Saez aur Awaz**  
The Saez aur Awaz group presents their second concert on June 16 at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites, Shah Nawaz Karim, Sahina, Badar Siddiqui, Doreen D'Souza, Kusum Sagar, Riyasat Ali and Divya are among the performers. The music will be by the Anwar Hussein orchestra.

**Dutch reception**  
The Netherlands ambassador and Mrs J.F.R.M. Veling invite all Dutch nationals in Kuwait to a reception on the occasion of the Queen's birthday at the residence on Tuesday, May 24, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm.

**Jumble sale**  
St Paul's jumble sale will be held in the Anglo-American School Hall, Ahmadia, from 2.30 pm on Friday, May 27. Clothes, shoes, toys, books, electrical and household items will be offered at bargain prices. All are welcome.

**Flasak cooking class**  
The monthly Flasak cooking class will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Wednesday, May 25, 4 pm. For details call Rory — 2530000 F/B Office.

**Kuwait Players**  
The Players Social Get-together, on June 1, Wednesday. Newcomers welcome. Tel: (pm) 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

**Yugoslav Festival**  
Dusica Obradovic, a well-known Yugoslav singer and the Vucica Mitrovic folklore group will perform at the Kuwait Hilton Grand Ballroom on May 28, 29 and 30 at 8 pm. Tickets for the show are available in the hotel lobby.

## HOTELS

**At the Maridien**  
The Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine and a selection of meats and seafood. Charcoal grilled specialties also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

## SPORTS

**Kuwait Nomada Rugby Club**  
There will be an end of season work party at the Pintas Park Ground on Thursday, May 26, at 4 pm. All members are urged to attend.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.25 World News via Satellite
- 3.25 Tao Tao: cartoon serial
- 4.25 Beel Al Tayi: Arabic serial, starring Hussein Abu Sarah, Lina Al Tall, Rabeeh Shihah.
- 5.30 Al Manahil: educational programme for children.
- 6.00 In Your Health: Public Service: You and Your Health.
- 7.05 Afaq Al Fann: Art Horizon, hosted by Abdul Rasool Salman.
- 7.35 The Animal World
- 8.15 Souk Al Ghaz: daily serial, featuring Mohammad Saeed, Shirin, Zuhair Numan.
- 8.30 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Hada Al Rajul (That is the Man): daily serial, starring: Noora, Salah Saadani, Khalid Zaki.
- 10.50 Studio Angham: Music Studio.
- 12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Pole Positions: cartoons
- 6.30 Punker Brewster: Punker is disappointing



Margaret Collin stars in Lag Work.

ted that she has no mother to help her with her homework.

7.00 The Natural World: "The Volcano Watchers". A scientific study on how volcanoes erupt.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Leg Work: "Peaches". A young girl is in trouble and the private eye tries to help her.

9.30 Gimme a Break: "Below Sea Level". Nell Carter returns as Nell Harper in this comedy series. In tonight's episode she visits Samantha and

Joy in New York.

10.00 Twilight Zone: "The Once and Future". A journalist follows in the footsteps of a former colleague and faces strange events.

10.30 Feature: "White Man's Legend". A fishing trip turns into a life and death drama.

12.30 News Summary

12.40 Magazine D'Actualite Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0300 Closedown

## BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newswel
- 30 The Jesuits (ex 31st Music of the Royal Courts)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 This Particular Place (ex 3rd Journey Round My People)
- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Sports International

- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 Rhythms of the Sun (ex 31st A Schubert Anthology)
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours. News Summary
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Turning Over New Leaves
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsweek
- 30 Counterpoint
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 This Particular Place (ex 3rd A Journey Round My People)
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Tech Talk
- 30 The Jesuits (ex 31st Music of the Royal Courts)
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Weber (ex 3rd and 10th The Seven Ages of Man)
- 1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
- 30 Sports International
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain

## Urdu

- 1500 Opening
- 1910 Beheten Qadl
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

## PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.19 am
- Zuhr 11.45
- Asr 3.20 pm
- Maghreb 6.39
- Isha 8.08

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Dubai Pharmacy  
Mobd: Ali Rida Bldg., Souk Waqaf, Algiers St.  
Al Bakhsamy Pharmacy  
Ahmad Al Jaber St.

**Hawalli and Nagra**  
Al Hadiha Pharmacy  
Othman complex, Ibn Khalid St.

**Salamiya and Rumaitiya**  
Al Quds Pharmacy  
Abdul Karim Maz'al Bldg., Amman St.

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Al Badiya Pharmacy  
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## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Kill Zone  
Starring: Vincent Mathews, Ted Briars

**Al Salamiya**  
The Running Man  
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger

**Al Hamra**  
Country  
Starring: Jessica Lange, Sam Sheperd

**Drive-In**  
Al Mazakia (Arabic)  
Starring: Sayyed Ziyen, Saeed Saleh, Sabirin

**Fahheel Open-air**  
Daulat (Bengali)

**Al Firdous**  
Falak (Hindi)  
Starring: Jackie Shroff, Raakhee

**Al Fahheel**  
Straight Time

**Al Jahra**  
Qurbani (Bengali)

**Granada**  
Malayalam Film

**Sulabikha**  
New Kids

**Al Jleeh**  
Deedar (Bengali)

**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
La Min Shaf Wa La Min Dari (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Imam

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Boushahri Gallery**  
Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic is open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St, Salamiya, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm.

## THEATRE

**Bengali Cultural Society**  
The society will present "Bichhan", a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 2, 3, 9 and 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901806; 5621379.

**Kuwait Singers**  
"Songs for a Summer Evening" is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held on May 31 and June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets — KD2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384873; 5740627 (answering service).

## Sounds Great

A musical show featuring Juke Box band with Juke Stevenson and Top Ranks with Adolf. Farewell appearance of Paul Fraser. Introducing Walid Al Nimer who will dance to Michael Jackson's top hit "Bad." Produced and directed by Ken Winston. Tickets — KD 5. For reservations ring 5740256/7; 5756888 ext. 263; 5758870.

**KLT**  
KLT, Ahmadi, will present Brigadoon, a musical, on June 1, 7.30 pm, gala night. Further performances are at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8, and 9 and at 5.30 pm on June 2, 3. Tickets KD3. Children — KD2. For reservations ring 3983724.

**I Got Rhythm**  
A musical show featuring Reem Yousef Kelani will be presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets — KD10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Glenis Muckle and Kerry Langley. All proceeds will be don-

ated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For reservations call 5718143; 5387755; 2627003; 5330934

## SOCIAL

## German-Speaking Cultural Association

"The Women in World History," an evening of humour, will be presented at 8 pm on May 29, Sunday, at Kuwait Hilton Hotel, Terrace Room. Tickets — KD1,500 are available from the German embassy and the German School and Library. For reservations phone 3983779.

**Kuwait Welsh Society**  
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29, 7.30 pm, at Messilah Beach Hotel.

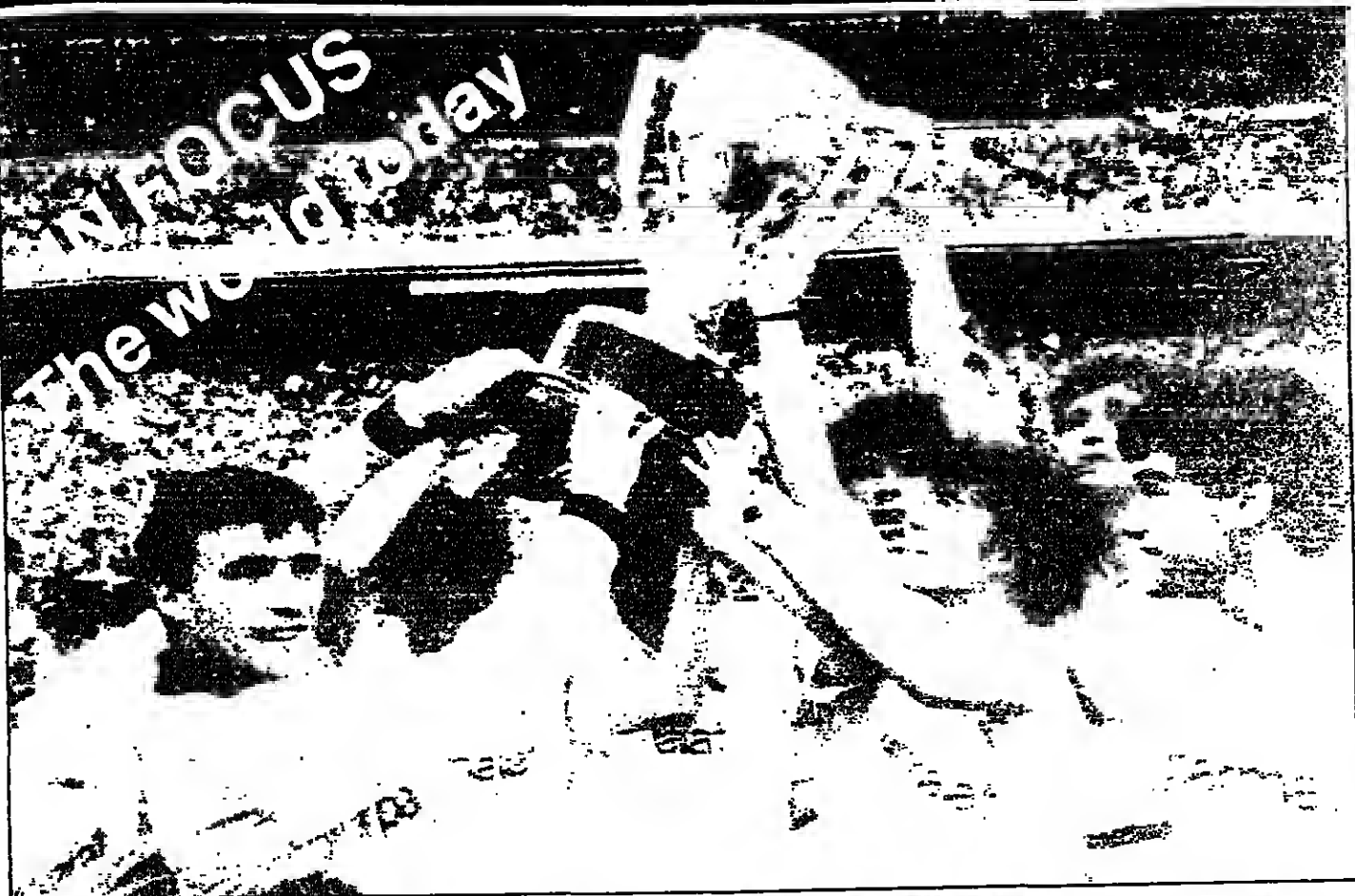
**Kuwait Caledonians**  
"Celidh" will be held on May 26, Thursday, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 7.30 pm for 8 pm. Entertainer from Scotland will be Bill Barclay. For reservations phone 5610673 or 5335082.







# Focus The world today



REAL MADRID'S players hold the Spanish First Division Soccer League Cup aloft after the presentation Sunday night following the last match of the season against Real Valladolid. Madrid ended their championship season eleven points ahead of second place Real Sociedad of San Sebastian. Below, Real Madrid's team captain Carlos A. Santillana is about to head the ball home for the last time in his career with R. Madrid, he scored the second goal for his team in his farewell performance on Sunday afternoon. He retires after 17 consecutive seasons, having played over 700 First Division soccer matches and scoring close to 400 goals. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE coffin containing the body of Giorgio Almirante, leader of Italy's neo-fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano party, is carried to a funeral ceremony on Sunday in Rome, as party members give the fascist salute. (Reuter wirephoto)



PUPILS at Khalduniya Preparatory School in Nablus are among 200,000 Palestinian children up to the age of 11 whose schools reopened yesterday in the West Bank, four months after being closed because of anti-Israeli unrest. Graffiti on the wall was the work of Israeli soldiers, who used the school temporarily as a command post. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH tennis star Yannick Noah follows through on a serve during his 7-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over West German Ricky Osterthun in the men's singles opening round match of the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



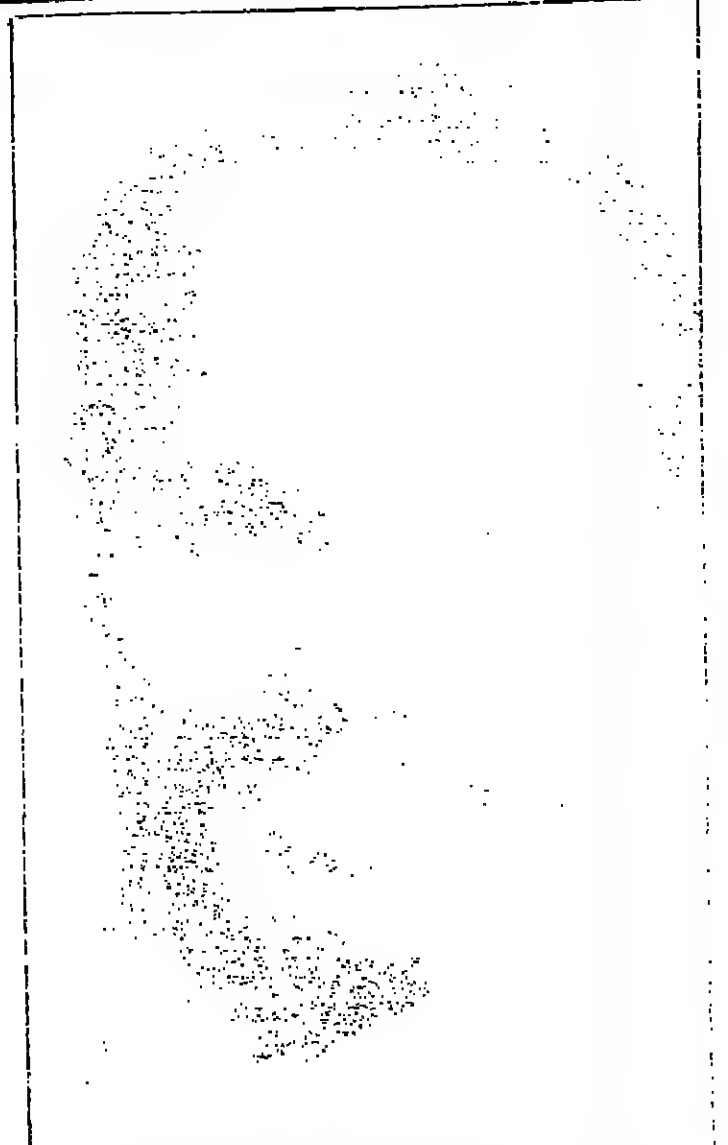
A CURIOUS tourist studies the inscription on a unique statue near the central station in Brussels yesterday. Sunshine and warm temperatures attracted many tourists to the Belgian capital for the Whit Sunday long weekend. (Reuter wirephoto)



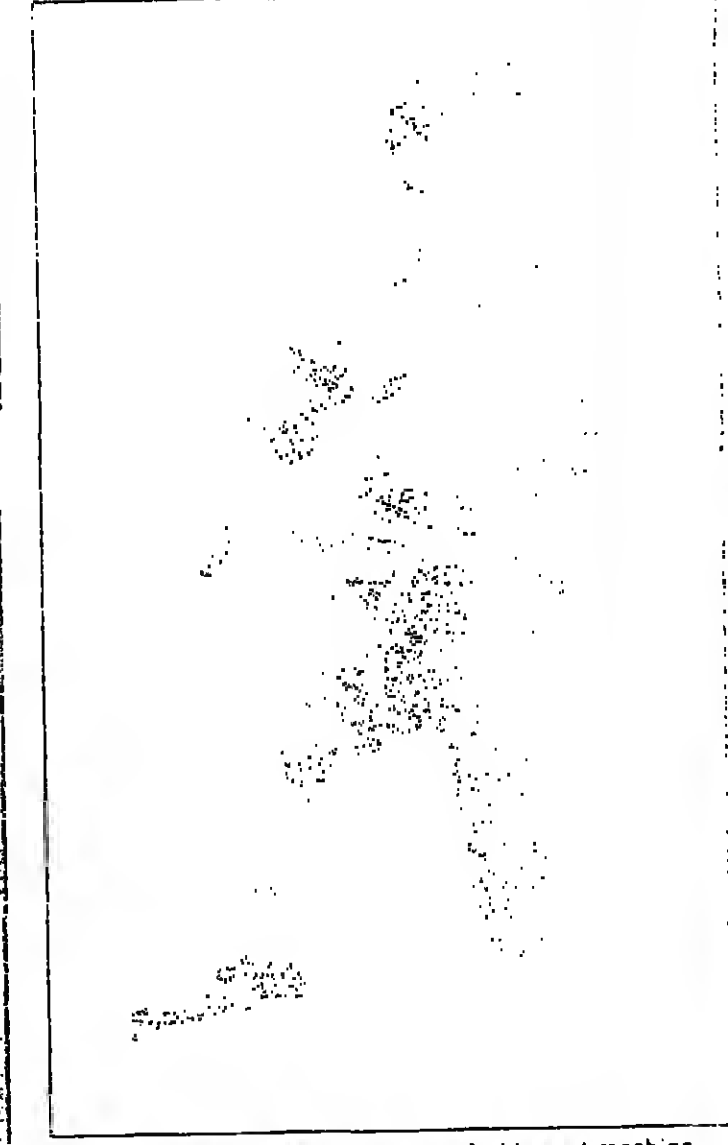
LIBYAN leader Moammar Khaddafi (left) embraces Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali on Sunday after Khaddafi arrived in Tunisia for talks. This was their third meeting since diplomatic relations were restored. (Reuter wirephoto)



MUBARAK AWAD, an American-Palestinian activist, enters Jerusalem's Supreme Court yesterday morning in handcuffs accompanied by a police officer. Awad faces deportation after being accused by Israeli leaders of inciting a five-month old Palestinian uprising against the occupation. (Reuter wirephoto)



PIETER JACOBS, a coloured (mixed race) member of South Africa's Parliament, was shot dead by a balaclava-clad gunman as he was leaving a Johannesburg church Sunday night. Jacobs was among 10 people who died in a wave of political violence that swept South Africa over the weekend. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SPECIAL task forces officer, armed with a submachine gun, patrols on the roof of the Athens International Airport yesterday as Turkish Foreign Minister, Mesut Yilmaz, arrives in Athens on a three-day official visit. (Reuter wirephoto)



Every child has the potential to be a genius

## Engineering superbabies in a hot house

By Jane Fletcher

A PRETTY little girl sits beside her mother, reading out loud. With supreme confidence, she recites a speech from one of Shakespeare's plays, her soft voice never faltering over the long and unfamiliar words.

Her mother watches proudly, aware that she is witnessing something of a miracle. For her daughter, Felicia, is only four years old and has already developed the intellect of a person way beyond her years.

The child is being heralded as a genius, capable of astonishing feats. And soon there could be a whole generation of children just like her...

Felicia is just one of the many youngsters discussed in a new book about intensive teaching

At a unique institute in Philadelphia a controversial technique is being used to develop the intelligence of children to an incredible level. Pupils of the Hot House system, aged four to 12, can programme a computer, speak fluent Japanese and play a musical instrument.

or 'hot housing'.

The idea is simple: take a new-born baby, stimulate it from birth, educate it in a controlled and intensive manner — 'the hot house' — and as that child grows up, it will be of higher intelligence than one left to develop naturally.

The controversial technique has been pioneered in the United States by bot house

guru Glenn Doman.

Doman, a white-bearded, grandfatherly character, insists every child, from the moment of birth, has the potential to be a genius — regardless of their genetic makeup. The secret is to nurture young talent and help it grow.

With almost evangelical zeal, he says: "Tiny children can learn absolutely anything that

you can present to them in an honest and factual way. Then you do it with great love and affection and you can teach them all there is to learn."

Hundreds of ambitious parents in the US agree. They are flocking to Doman's Institutes For The Achievement of Human Potential — or 'Better Baby' Institute as it is known — in Philadelphia, anxious to enrol their children in the intensive education programme.

Programme

Much of the programme is based on Doman's findings when he was working with brain-damaged children.

He was trying to develop new pathways in the brain for injured children and soon became aware of the brain's ability to be 'reprogrammed' or to relearn lost skills.

Eventually, he applied that principle to the teaching of healthy children, with amazing results: with intensive coaching, tiny children could read, speak foreign languages and calculate mathematical formulae without difficulty. He saw the implications of his work, the chance to breed 'superbabies'.

Doman admits: "We are creating an elite group of children. And do you know how many children we want in that group? About a billion, because that is how many children there are in the world."

For the moment, however, he is content to work with those children brought to the campus by eager parents. And already, they are showing signs of genius potential.

Mostly aged between four and 12, the children can programme a computer, speak fluent Japanese and play a musical instrument.

They are articulate, confident and mature young people.

Doman says the brain's capacity to take in information can be expanded if a child is coached from an early age. The sooner teaching begins, the better. Perhaps even before the child is born.

Mothers-to-be have been known to try to stimulate a foetus's senses by talking to their unborn child in the womb, through a paper megaphone.

Then, from the moment of birth, this stimulation is intensified in several ways.

Lights are shone on and off into the baby's eyes and it is familiarized with shapes by putting cards between the lights and the eyes.

Matures

Simple maths tuition follows, by marking these cards with an increasing number of dots, so the infant learns to add up 'instinctively'.

Babies of just six-months-old have been known to do performance addition, simply by crawling towards the card showing the correct answer.

Gradually, as the child matures, more assignments are introduced into the daily



A mother-to-be talks to her unborn baby through a megaphone. This is to try and stimulate the foetus's senses.

programme, particularly the use of 'flash cards'.

A word written on a card is held up in front of the child and then spelt out, to encourage the baby to formulate speech.

Physical stimulation is a vital part of the teaching too, as it is said to enhance the brain's performance and improve co-ordination.

Doman's students can perform junior Olympic gymnastics and even four-year-olds can run a couple of miles each day without stopping.

They also take part in a physical exercise called 'braccation'. This involves swinging hand-over-hand on a climbing frame and, in between teaching sessions, children repeat this exercise several times.

To the uninitiated, it looks a strange practice; as little children boist themselves on to the wooden frame and swing across like baby apes.

Nevertheless, Doman insists it enhances neurological development, and the children seem delighted to do it.

Hot housing may be a simple idea in principle, but it's very hard work in practice, especially for parents. They are advised to involve themselves completely in their child's education, all day, every day. Many put themselves through

special courses to help them become better and more informed parents.

Mothers, in particular, are encouraged to devote themselves to the task.

Doman says: "Mothers have always been the best teachers since time began," and he would like them to regard motherhood as a full-time job.

Women are taught never to talk down to a child — oo gooey baby talk is allowed. Clear, concise explanations of how things work is sufficient. Many mothers take Doman's teachings to heart and dedicate themselves to educating their child, even if it means sacrificing their careers.

They reason, with total conviction, that they want to give their child the best start in life possible.

Naturally, Doman's theories have met with fierce opposition. Critics say he has little statistical evidence or data to back up the claims.

Nor is there a follow-up to check whether these superbabies become superadults. Do they, cynics wonder, learn too much, too soon and burn out in later life?

Hot housing also raises ethical questions. Should we interfere with natural development in this way? Should we try to

maximise the potential of children? And is the close, almost claustrophobic, relationship Doman advocates between parents and children such a good thing?

Doman is used to detractors, but is nevertheless surprised by criticism.

He says: "It is the most astonishing thing I have ever heard that anybody should think it is bad to learn."

To him, the proof of his work at the institute is in the children themselves. They are not only extremely intelligent, but also seemingly happy, well-balanced individuals.

More importantly, he asserts that bright children like little Felicia, are better children, more sensitive and caring.

And he denies there is some sinister ulterior motive for creating a race of super children.

"We are not devoted to making Nobel prize winners or Olympic stars," he says. "We are devoted to giving children options, choices."

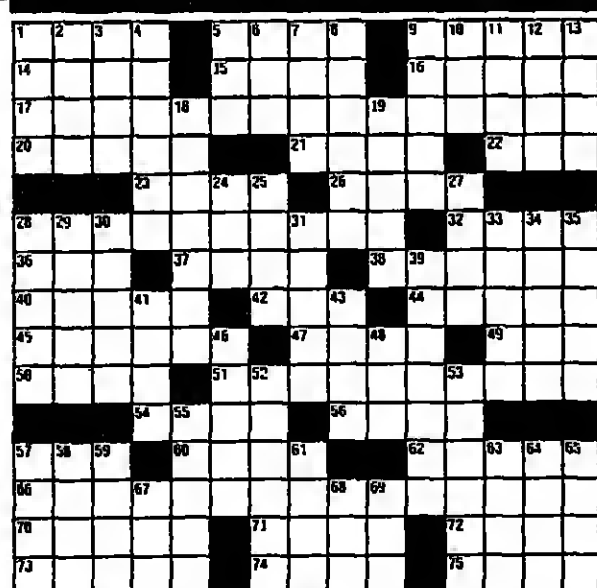
As we approach the year 2,000, it remains to be seen just what type of children will be leading us into the future...

Hot House People by Jane Walsley and Jonathan Margolis. Published by Pan at £3.95.



Four-year-old Felicia reads William Shakespeare with supreme confidence.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

- 1 Paper measure
- 5 Exploit
- 9 Rant agreement
- 14 Polpour
- 15 King of the
- 16 Former county in Scotland
- 17 Justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude
- 20 Goose genus
- 21 British royal house
- 22 Midi season
- 23 Inlets
- 25 Unliss
- 28 Circulated letter
- 32 And
- 36 Hostel
- 37 Part of Morocco since 1969
- 38 Commission
- 40 Item of feminine neckwear
- 42 Stat. used in economic forecasts
- 44 Paid up
- 45 Shock
- 47 Start of an idaa
- 49 Elver's parent
- 50 Bribes
- 51 Prickly bush with edible fruit
- 54 Sharp
- 56 Spanish stew
- 57 Viper
- 60 Cuckoos
- 62 Wear away
- 66 Architect of St. Paul's Cathedral
- 70 Augusta's state
- 71 Put out a runner, in baseball
- 72 Frosted
- 73 Urged on
- 74 Plant part

## DOWN

- 1 Cape on SW coast of Portugal
- 2 Ardor
- 3 Ventilates
- 4 Up to date
- 5 Devotee
- 6 Airport abbr.
- 7 Comrade-in-arms
- 8 Modern name of ancient
- 9 Spores
- 10 Tolkien tree
- 11 Intermittent fever
- 12 Baef fat
- 13 Actual being, from the Latin
- 18 Metallic element
- 19 Goddess of peace
- 24 Sound made by Annie's dog
- 25 Ballad
- 27 Mountain lake
- 28 Fissures
- 29 Dream: Comb. form
- 30 Remove a bottle top
- 31 Gambling game
- 33 Subsequently
- 34 Expression of disdain
- 35 In a peculiar manner
- 39 Type of rose
- 41 Empty shell
- 43 Money in Mexico
- 46 Deputy
- 48 Elect. unit
- 52 Pungent vegetables
- 53 Attempt to influence by private talk
- 55 Relaxed
- 57 Zanith
- 58 Type of rug
- 59 Prude
- 61 Petty quarrel
- 63 Killer whale
- 64 Profound
- 65 Finishes
- 67 Suffix in chemistry
- 68 Hurry
- 69 Shade tree

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
LENDING A HELPING HAND

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH  
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♥ 7 5 3  
♦ 5 2

WEST EAST  
♠ 5 4 2 ♠ 9 3  
♥ A J 10 ♥ K Q 8 4  
♦ K Q J 10 8 3 ♦ A 9 7 4  
♣ 5 ♣ 7 4 2

SOUTH  
♠ A K Q 7  
♥ 9 6 2  
♦ 6  
♣ K J 9 8 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 2 ♠  
2 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠  
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

As a defender, make life as easy as possible for your partner. It is difficult enough to defend well in obvious situations without having to worry about partner creating problems where none might exist.

When both sides have a known or implied double fit, it is usually wiser to bid one more rather than choose to defend. That accounts for South's decision to go on to four

spades with his minimum. His judgment proved to be correct—East-West would have made four diamonds.

Against four spades West attacked with the king of diamonds. Routine defense would have been for East to signal encouragement and for West to continue with a diamond. Declarer would have ruffed and scored four more trump tricks and five clubs for his vulnerable game.

Fortunately for East-West, East was on his toes. He realized that his partner probably had a six-card suit for his two diamond bid, which meant that only one diamond trick was there for the defenders. So he overtook the king of diamonds with the ace and shifted to the king of hearts.

West showed his liking for the suit by following with the jack, and again East proved what a thoughtful partner he was. Had he continued with a low heart, West would have had to decide whether to try for a third heart trick or a second diamond. East removed that problem by continuing with the queen of hearts and another, and the defenders collected the four tricks that were their due.



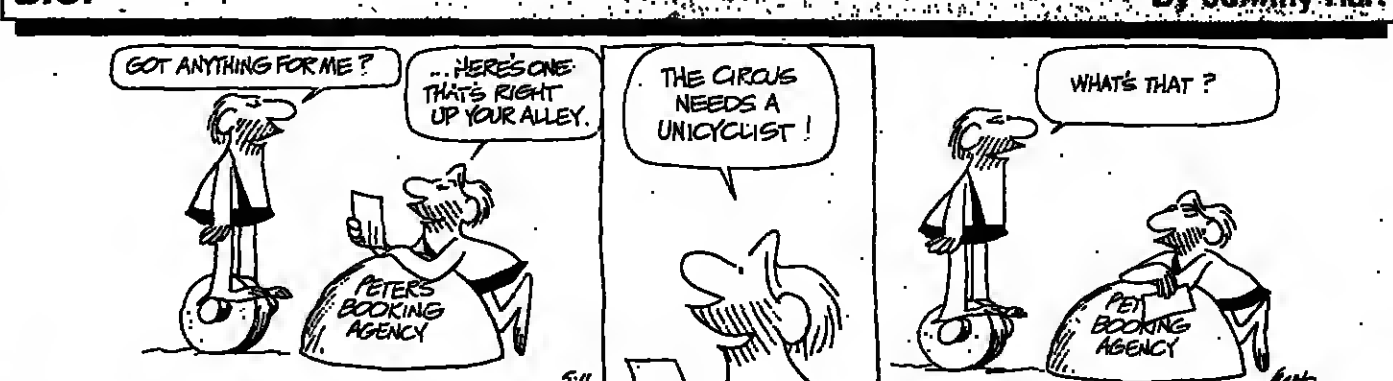
"He likes to get a good run at the mailman."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

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## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not be put off by what still remains to be done. Just go ahead and work at it. Try to show a little more goodwill too. Be benevolent.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will feel a little better disposed towards others. You will be able to achieve far better results. Do not allow your animosities to get the better of you. Be objective.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to organise things better. You should not dwell so much on the past. You will be better able to persuade others. Be a little less ostentatious.



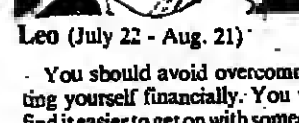
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will have to act fast if you do not wish a good opportunity to pass you by. You will be able to get something that is important done. Make sure you do not take any risks with your health. Be tactful.



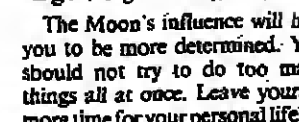
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Today's influence of the Moon will help to improve your mood. You will have something to be pleased about. You should try to make just slightly more effort. Be considerate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should avoid overcommitting yourself financially. You will find it easier to get on with someone you do not like very much. You should not seek to use force. Be a little more moderate.



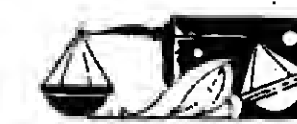
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should try to take measures to stop yourself from lagging behind. A lot depends on the way you organise yourself and dispose of your time. You should watch the number of sweet things you eat. Be punctual.



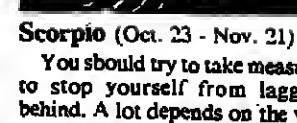
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should avoid getting caught up in detail. You will find it relatively easy to cope with your daily problems. However you must avoid exaggerations and recognise your limitations.



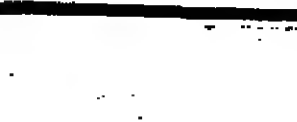
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be able to make good progress with a project that you have set your heart upon. Venus's more favourable influence will help you to restore or enhance harmony.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will tend to be rather on the irritable side. Make sure you get all the rest you need. You should leave as little as possible to chance. Be resolute.



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not be put off by what still remains to be done. Just go ahead and work at it. Try to show a little more goodwill too. Be benevolent.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Oman reverses oil output cut

MUSCAT, May 23, (AP): Oman has reversed a decision to cut its oil production by 5 per cent to help Opec stabilise oil prices and gone back to its 1987 output peak of 600,000 barrels a day, oil industry sources said yesterday.

Oman is not a member of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. But it has been reducing production to help the organisation hold its benchmark price at \$18 a barrel.

The new level, which came into effect on May 1, will be maintained until Opec talks resume in Vienna in June, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Oman has pared output three times since September 1986 to support Opec pricing strategies. The latest cut in February reduced production by 5 per cent to 536,750 barrels a day.

The Sultanate originally formulated its current development programme on the basis of 600,000 barrels daily.

**Response**  
Opec had been unable to agree on a response to a proposal by Oman and five other non-Opec producers for an all-round 5 per cent production cut at a Vienna meeting last month in a bid to firm up the flagging oil market.

Opec will discuss the issue again next month.  
Iran, one of the Opec states who backed the call for a fresh production cut, is sending its oil minister to Oman.

## Cost of living falls in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, May 23, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's cost of living index fell in 1987, for the fourth consecutive year, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) said.

Figures compiled by Sama showed the index for middle income Saudi families earning between 3,000 and 11,000 riyals a month (\$800 to \$2,800) dropped 0.9 per cent to 91.9 during 1987. Saudi and expatriate middle income families combined dropped 1.6 per cent to 90.9.

The decline was brought on by falls in the costs of food, clothing and housing, with accommodation costs dropping 13.4 per cent during the year.

In 1986, the index was 92.7 for Saudi and 92.4 for Saudi and expatriate families. In 1983, the base year, the index for both was 100.

## Record high sugar production predicted

WASHINGTON, May 23, (AP): World sugar production in 1988-89 is expected to be a record of about 103.9 million metric tons, slightly more than the 103.9 million tons produced in 1987-88, the agriculture department said yesterday.

The latest figures included revisions from the department's first forecast issued on May 4, which indicated production at 104.1 million metric tons in 1988-89 and last year's output at 103.6 million tons.

Production in Brazil — the largest producer — was reduced to a 1988-89 forecast of 8.1 million tons from 8.4 million tons indicated earlier this month, the report said. Revisions also were reported for several other countries.

## Oil market shows relative stability

## Lagoven highlights its operations

CARACAS, May 23, (Opecna): Lagoven, a subsidiary of the Petroleos De Venezuela (PDVSA) — the Venezuelan state oil company — says it fully achieved the goals it set itself last year.

Despite difficult times, the company has managed to assimilate a growth and evolution process which has resulted in greater operational efficiency, according to its president Renato Urdaneta.

In 1987, he said, the world oil market showed relative stability, compared with 1986 which was marked by price fluctuations.

**Commitment**  
Reiterating his country's commitment to its Opec assigned quota of 1.57 million b/d, Renato said: "We oriented our efforts to obtaining the greatest possible benefit from the export volumes allotted to us."

He explained that this had been achieved through the timely replacement of its assigned

## Abu Dhabi cuts oil output, says study

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 23, (AP): Abu Dhabi has cut back oil production by an estimated 150,000 to 170,000 barrels a day, a weekly oil review reported today.

The report by the respected Middle East Economic Survey came as Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh arrived in Abu Dhabi from Oman on a special mission seeking cuts by Gulf oil producers.

The oil review said that after reaching an output of over one million barrels per day in the first half of May, Abu Dhabi was implementing a production cut-back as of May 15.

Though the precise extent of the cut was not yet fully clear, initial indications were that

production would be reduced by some 150,000-170,000 barrels per day below the level prevailing in the first half of the month, the oil review said.

**Down**  
This would bring Abu Dhabi output down from around 1.03 million barrels per day to somewhere in the 850,000-900,000 barrels per day range, it added.

The review said that assuming that Dubai will continue production at its present level of 400,000 barrels per day, total output by the UAE will then be running at around 1.25-1.30 million barrels per day. This is still a long way over the official Opec quota of 948,000 barrels per day.

After visiting Oman and Abu Dhabi Aqazadeh will also visit

Indonesia for consultations ahead of the June 8 ministerial council meeting of the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The meeting will discuss a proposal by non-Opec producers for an all-round 5 per cent production cut at a Vienna meeting last month in a bid to firm up the flagging oil market.

**Cooperation**  
Iran, an Opec member along with Indonesia and the UAE, is a strong supporter of the production cut proposal. The cut is opposed by two other Opec members, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Oman, which is not an Opec member, last week reversed a

decision to cut its production by 5 per cent and went back to its 1987 output peak of 600,000 barrels per day.

Oil industry sources in Muscat said the new level will be maintained until the Opec June meeting.

Aqazadeh was quoted by the official Emirates news agency WAM as saying on arrival at Abu Dhabi that Iran "will back any framework for just cooperation" between producers inside and outside Opec.

The Iranian minister said that he hoped an agreement would be reached in Vienna for a cooperative production cut with Opec and non-Opec nations which would boost oil prices to the \$18 a barrel target set by

Opec.

Though WAM did not elaborate, it also reported that Aqazadeh called on Opec to deal with "all proposed solutions" for supporting Opec's target price at the Vienna meeting.

**Attempts**

The reported statement indicated Iran is softening its position after accusing Saudi Arabia of deliberately scuttling the attempts at the Opec consultative session last month for an accord on the percentage-based output.

Saudi Arabia countered with a proposal for a barrel-for-barrel cut, arguing that Opec should not surrender further market share.

## Western nations warn economic dangers still lie ahead

PARIS, May 23, (Reuters): Leading non-Communist industrial nations, still divided over economic and farm policy, warned yesterday that the world economy faced dangers despite its healthy performance since the stock market crash last October.

Ministers attending the two-day annual conference of the 24-nation Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) agreed in a final communiqué that huge global trade imbalances and high unemployment in the industrial world risked destabilising the economic system.

More seriously, divisions between the United States and Europe over key trade issues, especially how to tackle multi-billion dollar farm subsidies, remained unresolved despite a

compromise which enabled them to map out a negotiating strategy, officials said.

On a more positive note, ministers agreed that international cooperation seemed to be achieving results and that global inflation was low.

"There are encouraging features in the current economic situation... (but) there are no grounds for complacency," the communiqué said.

**Risks**

The OECD urged the US to reduce its budget deficit further, told Japan that it needed to maintain its recent expansion and prodded Europe to step up growth.

US Treasury Secretary James Baker had moved earlier in the day to defuse market concerns over an over-heating of US con-

sumer demand, which many economists interpreted as potentially inflationary.

"We do not see the risks of inflation or overly expansive domestic demand," he told reporters here, adding that he felt the US economy could make a fairly painless transition from a consumption-led expansion to export-led growth.

The issue that dominated the meeting was the deep transatlantic rift over the hand-outs paid to farmers in the United States and Europe.

US Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng accused Western Europe of "economic pollution" for dumping its farm surpluses on world markets, while European officials pointed a finger at American subsidies for milk and sugar and said Europe

could not dismantle farm protection on its own.

The issue, which had threatened to wreck the OECD meeting, was finally cloaked in a compromise formula under which both sides agreed to adopt a "framework approach" to trade negotiations and left discussion of substantive issues until later.

**Row**

"The main thing was to avoid a needless row or clash which would have been a counter-productive signal," EEC trade commissioner Willy De Clercq said as the meeting ended.

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said the compromise "represents a merging of what had hitherto been irreconcilable differences between the United States position — all protection

out by the year 2000 — and the European position."

"This means... we can look forward to the prospect of a much more constructive outcome" to the top-level review of global trade talks planned for Montreal in December within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), Hayden said.

**Talks**

De Clercq, asked by reporters if either side had made specific concessions on the farm issue, said "no" and added that negotiations over the next few months would be very hard.

Daniel Amstutz, the chief US negotiator to the GATT talks, cautiously welcomed the compromise formula, saying the framework approach should be helpful to later talks.

## Saudi cement firm seeks loan rescheduling after loss

BAHRAIN, May 23, (Reuters): The construction industry hit by declining oil revenues, Saudi Arabia's newest cement producer has asked creditors to reschedule 750 million riyals (\$200 million) in loans, bankers said today.

The Saudi-Kuwait Cement Co last week reported a 1987 net loss of 46.9 million riyals (\$12.5 million), its second loss in a row in three years of operation.

**Approval**  
Bankers said negotiations to reschedule two major loans, one a syndication with 14 commercial banks and the other a loan from the government-owned Saudi Industrial Development Fund (Sidf), were nearing conclusion.

"Basically we're in agreement — we're waiting for approval from one bank," said a banker involved in the negotiations.

Saudi-Kuwait general manager Hassan Badr told Reuters the company had asked banks to stretch out payments on a \$50 million riyal syndicated loan (\$120 million) signed in June, 1985.

**Facility**  
The loan was divided into a 350 million (\$93 million) term facility due to mature in 1992 and a 100 million riyal (\$27 million) revolving two-year credit to be repaid on June 1 this year.

The company, based in the kingdom's eastern province, said it was able to make the first instalment of the term loan in June, 1987, but fell behind on a 47 million riyal (\$12.5 million) second instalment in December.

Bankers said about 323 million riyals (\$86 million) was still outstanding on the term facility and 49 million riyals (\$13 million) on the revolving credit.

## World Business Summary

### Hanover Bank to boost gas-additive loan

CARACAS, May 23, (AP): The Manufacturer's Hanover Bank, Ltd., plans to increase by nearly two-thirds its loan for construction of the western hemisphere's largest non-polluting-gas-additive plant, the governmental news service Venpres reported. The London-based bank intends to add \$60 million to the \$100-million loan it agreed to make for a methyl-terbutyl-ether (MTBE) project earlier this month, Venpres reported Friday. The total cost of the plant, which will be similar to one already in Saudi Arabia, should amount to \$266 million. MTBE is an additive that produces similarly high octane levels in gasoline as does lead, without the pollution. In late 1990, the plant is to begin producing 500,000 tons of MTBE per year, all earmarked for export to the United States, Western Europe and Japan. Venezuela has no restrictions on using leaded gasoline, and the plan is seen as another means of pleasing hard currencies to pay off the country's \$29-billion foreign debt. Twenty-two other American and European banks are involved with Manufacturer's Hanover, Ltd., in the plant's financing.

The plant, already under construction in eastern Venezuela, is being built by Super Octanos, C.A., a joint enterprise in which Equiven — the petrochemical affiliate of Petroleos De Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) — and Ecofuel — a subsidiary of the Italian firm ENI — each holds 49 per cent interest. Together, they will cover the balance of the cost of construction.

### Aqazadeh to discuss Opec problems with Indonesia

JAKARTA, May 23, (Reuters): Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh will discuss ways of narrowing differences within Opec during a two-day visit to Jakarta this week, Indonesian Energy Minister G. Sanjaya Kartasasmita said today.

He said Aqazadeh, on a three-nation tour which is also taking him to Oman and the US, will visit Indonesia on Wednesday and Thursday. "We will make a hard effort to close differences between Opec members," Ginnajar told reporters. Indonesia is widely regarded as part of the moderate group within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) which would help to bridge differences, particularly between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

At its last meeting in April, Opec was unable to agree on a reciprocal output cuts proposed by six non-Opec producers to boost sagging world prices. Iran and seven other Opec members supported the planned joint cuts but Saudi Arabia and other Gulf producers blocked an agreement. The Iranian national news agency Irna said Aqazadeh's tour was aimed at fighting depressed oil prices prior to an Opec meeting in Vienna next month. Ginnajar proposed last week that Iran's Gulf war system, Iraq, should be brought back into Opec's production quota system. He said it was important that Opec solved the issue of Iraq's quota at its next meeting.

### Oil prices firm slightly

LONDON, May 23, (Reuters): World spot crude oil markets firmed 10 to 20 cents a barrel on Friday but stuck to recent narrow trading ranges, unimpressed by comments from Iran's top spokesman that Tehran is at war with Washington. The United States State Department later dismissed the assertion, although it said its ships would continue to defend themselves against attack in the strategic Middle East Gulf.

"Traders said oil markets derived some early support from the statement, fearing renewed tensions in the strategic waterway. But they noted that overall price direction was lacking. Most saw little incentive to trade ahead of the twice-yearly conference of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) starting on June 8 in Vienna. Prices had slipped over the past days on market perceptions of surplus supplies of crude on both sides of the Atlantic. But, in the North Sea on Friday, signs emerged that physical prices may have bottomed out, commanding less of a large discount to attract buyers than seen recently. One cargo of North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, was removed sold at a discount of 20 cents a barrel to June loading cargoes, compared with trade on Wednesday at a 32 cents discount.

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## International Bond Highlights

Tokyo — Finland is planning to sign at the beginning of June for a 15 billion yen 15-year Samurai bond issue, the Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd said as commissioned bank. (RTUV 0834)

Tokyo — Mitsui Bank Ltd has decided to issue 50 billion yen in five-year convertible bonds (CBS) and 30 billion yen in six-year CBS in the domestic credit market, a bank spokesman said. (RTUS 0815)

London — The UK government bond market, currently in the grip of a gradual downward slope in prices, is unlikely to break out of its trading range ahead of April UK trade data on Friday, dealers and economists told Reuters. (RTUK 0747)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 7-3/8 1/4	7-5/16 1/4	7-11/16 9/16
FFY 3-20/25	3-40/50	3-50/60
PAR 7-1/4 3/8	7-5/8 3/4	7-13/16 15/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-1/4	2-1/4 2-1/2
BREX 4-3/8	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
AMS 9-3/4 10-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4
RWS 3-7/8 4-0/0	3-15/16 4-1/16	4-1/8 4-1/8
TOK 3-18/25 2500	3-9/25 4-0000	3-8/25 9/25
ECU ****	5.87 6.00	6.18 6.31

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	63/16	65/8
3 months	63/16	65/8
6 months	61/4	61/16
1 year	63/16	61/16

## BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	CLINDIA	68	67	68 NICO	525	525	515
				GNFC	44	43	43 HUKAM	93	91	90
ACC	193	188	189	GRASIM	92.50	90	91.50 NOCIL	470	465	475
ASIA PAINT	160	155	155	GSFC	116.50	114	114 ORRAY	38	35.50	36
BAJAJ AUTO	200	195	193.75	KIND LEVER	73	70.50	73 PEICO	35	34	35
BAR. RAYON	260	250	247.50	KINDALCO	76.50	76	75 PFIZER	72	68	70
BON. DYING	123	123	122	KINDCOCA	83.75	80	81.25 PRE. AUTO	33.50	32.50	32
BR. BOND	92	88	90	KINDMOTR	21.25	20.50	20.50 RAYMOND	48.50	49	47.50
BSE INDEX	522.03	539.42	539.42	KIND ORG	25.50	24	24 RELIANCE	164	167	167
CENTURYSPG	870	850	850	KINDRATON	63.50	63	63.50 SIEMENS	78	75	74
COLGATE	200	195	193.75	KINDROL	167.50	162.50	166.50 SPIC	45.25	44	43.25
DEEPAKERT	39.50	37.50	38	ITC	40.50	44	43 STD MILLS	245	235	240
ET. HOTEL	51	50	50	JKSYNTH	65	65	65 TATA PWR	255	252.50	245
ESKAYEF	166.25	165	165	L AND T	94.50	93	92.50 TATACHEM	74	71	72.50
ESSAR	19	17.25	18.50	MAHINDRA	60	57.50	62 TELCO	540	532.50	532.50
GAR. POLY	85	83	83.50	MASTERSHR	11.92	10.87	11 TISCO	750	736.25	735
GE. SHIP	27.25	28	27.35	MATHER PL	81	82	81 VOLTAS	292.50	287.50	290

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STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.10	15.20
CHEUNG K	7.05	7.10
CHINA GAS	16.20	16.10
CHINA L-P	18.20	18.40
CHINA MOTR	20.30	20.40
COSMO IND	0	4.30
EVERSO PRO	39	39
FAR EAST	77	75
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	8.70	8.60
H S INDEX	491.24	506.76
HANG LUNG	5.00	5.00
HANG SEH	25.90	25.90
HAN PAR BR	0	21.00
HK ELEC CO	7.25	7.30
HK KOWLOON	6.75	6.65
HK LAND CO	7.35	7.40
HK SHAN BK	6.25	6.30
HK SHAN NT	6.27	6.32
HK TELE CO	6.95	7.50
HUTCH WHAR	8.15	8.20
IND EO PAC	10.70	10.50
JARDINE H	11.80	11.60
KOMLOON M	12.30	12.40
NEW WORLD	10.30	10.30
PAUL Y CON	2.02	2.02
REALITY DEV	5.80	5.80
S H K CO	1.82	1.83
S H K PROP	10.40	10.50
SIME DARY	1.44	1.45
STELUX MFG	2.40	2.42
SWIRE PAC	16.50	16.60
T V 8 CO	14.10	14.10
TAI CHEUNG	3.60	3.60
UNION BANK	1.67	1.69
WOCK HARD	0	7.25
WOCK HART	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.07	3.07

## Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	27580	27530
Sig	51115	51415
D.M	16085	16185
S. fr	19315	19435
F. fr	04785	04785
IL lira	0002165	0002185
Jap. yen	0021935	0022075
Bh. dinar	72625	73045
UAE dir	07455	07500
S. riyal	07295	07340
Q. riyal	07515	07565
O. riyal	71115	71545

## THE GULF BANK

Exchange Service	Margin
Indian Rupees	20.58
Pakistan Rupees	15.00
Sri Lanka Rupees	8.82
Philippine Peso	13.190
US dollars	75.13
Sterling Pounds	514.80
Thailand Baht	13.37
Thailand Baht	13.37
The Islamic Fund	USD 5.90
USD 5.90	USD 5.90
USD 5.90	USD 5.90
USD 5.90	USD 5.90
USD 5.90	USD 5.90

## Saudi and Egypt to hold talks

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, May 23 (AP) — Energy cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Egypt will be explored in talks early next month during an official visit by Egyptian Minister of Petroleum Affairs, Dr. Mohamed Maher. Maher said the talks would also include a discussion on a power grid linking the two countries.

## AMMAN

JORDAN	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.19	1.19
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.78	1.76
ARAB BANK	113.7	113.2
ARAB CHEMICAL OTER	3.95	3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.36	1.38
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.05
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CO/IND	0.33	0.36
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	2.00	1.99
ARAB PHARM. CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20	15.00
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	30.00
QAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.44	0.43
DAR ALDAWA OV/INV.	1.42	1.43
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.42	0.42
FINANCE/CREDIT/COB	0.52	0.51
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.10	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.26	1.26
GENERAL MINING	1.22	1.30
IRWEN MINERALS	0.79	0.79
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20	1.32
IND. MATCH JENCO	0.68	0.66
INDUST. DEVELOP BANK	1.41	1.42
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.	1.32	1.31
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COMM/INV	0.20	0.20
IRBIO ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	1.40	1.36
J. TOWER SP COMPLEX	0.75	0.75
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60	13.60
JOR CERAMIC FACT.	1.06	1.06
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.49
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.10	1.06
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.99	0.99
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.54	1.52
JOR IRS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.72	0.70
JOR LIT BRICK	0.25	0.24
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.49	2.49
JOR PAPER CARBIDG	3.07	3.00
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.25	2.28
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.14	1.20
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH	2.00	2.05
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.00
JOR ROCK WOOD IND.	0.63	0.62
JOR SECURIT. CORP	0.77	0.79
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.84	2.77
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.13	1.12
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.52	4.50
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.13	7.15
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	1.95	1.95
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.29	0.30
JORDAN DAIRY	1.01	1.00
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.16	1.16
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.69	1.66
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.50	1.50
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.76
MACHINERY/RENT/MAIN	0.80	0.79
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MICROEAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
NAT. CABLE/WIRE/WF	0.97	0.97
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.26	1.24
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.45	0.40
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72	0.72
NATIONAL STEEL	2.79	2.76
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.05	1.97
PETROLIUM INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.80	0.91
RAJIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.40	0.40
SHIPPING LINES	0.83	0.84
SPINNING WEAVING	0.80	0.78
THE HOUSING BANK	1.74	1.72
UNITED INSURANCE	0.91	0.91
UNIVERSAL CHM. IND	1.59	1.59
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.81	0.73
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.07	1.07

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	84.00	86.00	86.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.46	.47	.47
AC-A	8.30	8.40	8.30	LC-B	.49	.50	.49
ANS	3.50	3.55	3.55	PK-A	.40	.41	.40
FER-A	2.65	2.70	2.65	PK-B	.41	.42	.41
GLO	34.50	35.00		OIL SECTOR			
PLDT	178.00	179.00	177.00	BP-A	.016		.016
KPSI-A	1.66			BP-B	.017	.018	.016
SMC-A	143.00	144.00	144.00	LRC-A	.002	.0026	
SMC-B	182.00	184.00		LRC-B			
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.042	.043	
APX-A	.036	.037	.037	OPW-B	.043	.044	.043
APX-B	.037	.038	.037	OV-A	.033	.034	
AT-A	22.50	22.75	22.25	OV-B	.035	.036	.034

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	252,280	20,852,125	823.59	0.88 UP
MINING	71,991,000	6,926,500	5,594.14	34.65 DN
OIL	75,350,000	1,803,650	6,007	0.044 DN
TOTAL	149,622,280	29,582,285	830.42	3.16 DN

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	84.00	86.00
SMC-A	143.00	144.00	143.00	BC-B	86.00	88.00
SMC-B	183.00	185.00	184.00	LC-A	.46	.47
SO-TIRE	29.00	29.50	29.00	LC-B	.48	.49
PLDT	178.00	180.00	177.00	ZIP	.013	.014
ANSCOR	3.55	3.60	3.50	OIL SECTOR		
AC-A	8.30	8.40	8.30	STOCK	BUY	SELL
GLO	34.50	35.00	34.50	BP-A	.016	.017
FER-A	2.60	2.70		BP-B	.017	.018
FER-B	2.70	2.75	2.75	LRC-A		
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B		.003
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPW-A	.042	.043
APX-A	.037	.038	.036	OPW-B	.043	.044
APX-B				OV-A		.033
AT-A	22.50	22.75	22.25	OV-B		.035
AT-B	24.50	24.75	24.00	TA		.023

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	643,770	9,049,065	819.54	UP 2.20
MINING	376,515,900	17,709,875	4,939.15	UP 9.70
OILS	204,150,000	5,112,900	6,451	UNCHANGED
TOTAL	581,309,670	31,871,840	817.19	UP 1.28

## SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	GSI	115	116	LEONGHUAT	-----	
				GUINNESS	272	273	H UTO IND	153	157
AJIHOMOTO	188	188		GULA	-----	-----	N UTO MFG	62	62.5
ALEXANDRIA	150	150		H L IND.	114	114	M'SHITA	540	540
ANAL IND	81	81		H TAI PAN	48.5	49.5	M'WATA	60	60
AMB HLDGS	163	163		HARINAU	89.5	90	MAGNUM	190	190
AMCOL	126	125		HAM PAR	276	278	MALEX IND	380	380
BA TDS	150	152		MEIDA	82	83	HARCOPOLLO	118	118
C & C	229	229		HIND NOTL	36	36	MCB BROS	65	65
CARLSBERG	450	450		HTL M'SGAR	560	560	RENANG	44	46.5
COLD STOR	366	368		HTL NEGAT	306	306	NETAL BOX	402	404
QATAPAI	44	44		HTL PROPS	89	92	MTC BHD	378	384
OKH	490	490		HTL ROTAL	113	115	MULPHADIN	23	23
DUNLOPIND	88.5	89		HUNE IND	156	160	MURATA	60	60
DUTCHBABY	444	444		INT WONG	84	84	MYCON BHD	160	160
ELEC MAGN	178	178		INSTRAN	210	214	NB TIME	304	308
EUE YAN S	378	378		ISATACO	498	500	HS STIMBER	83.5	83
EVERPEACE	-----	194		J CEMENT	64	63	QUE	390	400
F A C B	60	60		JACKS LTD	123	123	P MALAYAN	270	270
F E ASSET	68.5	68.5		JORAH HOD	39	39	ROBINSON	204	203
F E SHIP	203	206		K G HLDGS	110	110	S PRESS	720	735
F&B ORD	775	785		K KELLAS	220	220	S PRESS F	735	735
FEB CABLE	-----	-----		K L IND	33	33	SANYO	95	95
FUJITEC	656	656		KAMUJITH	100	100	SATERAS	44	46
G LUMBER	90	91		KECK SEHG	165	165	SIAL IRC	91.5	91.5
GANDA IND	28.5	29		KENTUCKY	227	228	SEAVIEW	165	167
GEHC CORP	64	64.5		KEPPEL	225	227	SHELL ORD	535	535
GENTING	418	418		KG FLOOR	210	210	SIA FORG	1220	1210
GOLD COIN	200	200		KIAN JOO	238	238	SIN HENG	270	270
GOODWOOD	1050	1050		KIUNG HAT	129	129	SPK SENTO	50.5	50.5
GRAND CEN	102	101		KOMP ENAS	90	90	TONG MING	210	210



## Share prices slip

## Gold jumps on inflation worries

LONDON, May 23, (Reuters): The price of gold jumped sharply today as investors, worried about inflation, bought steadily. Bullion was fixed in London at \$460.25 an ounce, up \$5.35 from Friday's afternoon fixing. It was the first time gold was fixed above \$460 an ounce since January.

The dollar was steady at just above 1.7 West German marks and just below 125 yen, but worries about inflation depressed share prices in London and Tokyo. Most continental European bourses were closed for the Whit Monday holiday. "People started considering inflation as a factor as commodity prices rise," a Japanese gold dealer said, adding that in the gold market, "participants take those higher prices as buying signals."

## Prices

Financial markets around the world were unsettled by news that a key measure of commodity prices, the commodity research bureau index, ended last week at its highest in three years. Many investors look to gold as a safe haven for their money when inflation erodes the value of cash or securities. Dealers said Asian investors

were big buyers today. They also bought platinum, another precious metal used as a hedge against inflation, and its price rose about \$10 an ounce to \$576.50.

London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares opened 4.2 points lower at 1,766, in exceptionally quiet trading.

But inflation is worrying Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, too.

## Row

Although she last week settled a political row over economic policy by agreeing with Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson on the need to keep Britain's pound sterling from rising, many analysts wonder if her government is ready to let interest rates slide further — a move which may be needed to steady the pound.

The cost of a strong pound could be lost export sales, and cutting interest rates paid on sterling bank accounts and British bonds could convince investors to sell the currency.

## Prospect

But that would also lower the cost of borrowing, and cheap credit could set off a consumer spending spree that would rekindle inflation.

"The authorities have got

themselves in a bind and there's no short-term prospect of them extricating themselves from it," noted Chris Johns, currency economist at UBS-Phillips and Drew.

The pound edged higher to trade just below \$1.87, and rose above 3.18 West German marks. In Tokyo, the world's largest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei index fell 144.09 points to 27,249.76.

"Despite strong fundamentals, the Tokyo market has to heed what is going on in New York. Japanese institutional investors are concerned," said deputy general manager Tadaaki Uehara of Wako Securities.

## Higher

Sydney's All-Ordinaries index closed five points higher at 1,461.3, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index slipped 1.01 points to 2,490.23.

In Tokyo, concern over rising US interest rates sent Tokyo stocks lower today, but less jittery currency dealers held the US dollar steady.

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Fears of inflation in the United States, fanned by continuing rises in the Consumer Price Index and expected strong revised US first quarter Gross National Product figures due on Thursday, gave brokers little hope that Wall Street would break out of its lackluster mood.

## Bearish

Currency dealers, although slightly bearish on the US dollar due to the fears of inflation, traded the greenback in a tight range.

Buying interest by investment trusts supported the dollar psychologically because they are expected to need a large amount of dollars for funds established this month which will invest in US bonds and stocks.

"The dollar has been hard to move, especially against the yen, wedged between selling and buying interest," one dealer said.

## Sanction

The US dollar closed at 124.80 yen and 1,700.8 West German marks against 124.82 yen and 1,699.8 West German marks at Tokyo's close on Friday.

The price of silver was also fixed at its highest since January, at \$6.76 an ounce, up nearly 30 cents from Friday's close.

But platinum's morning fix at \$576.50 an ounce, was the highest since October, when the global stock market crash started investors worrying about recession, instead of inflation.

And while growing inflation fears are boosting platinum, dealers said they were worried when an official of South Africa's opposition Conservative Party suggested suspending precious metals shipments if the US Congress approves any new anti-apartheid sanctions.

South Africa supplies 80 per cent of the non-communist world's platinum and analysts said rising racial violence there is heightening concern about those supplies, especially after the assassination on Sunday of Pieter Jacobs, a 43-year-old member of the coloured chamber of South Africa's segregated parliament.

But some analysts say worries about supplies are overdone. South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha has said his country will not halt shipments.

"I cannot see South Africa taking any retaliatory steps involving strategic metals," said Geoff Robson, metals analyst for Johnson Matthey Plc, in London.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, May 23, (Reuters): Australian market closed slightly firmer in quiet trade with demand for mining stocks offsetting a mixed industrial sector. The All Ordinaries index closed 5.0 points higher at 1,461.3.

TOKYO: Shares closed down with investors nervous about an upward trend in US interest rates. The Nikkei index fell 144.09 points, or 0.53 per cent, to 27,249.76.

HONG KONG: Stocks were barely changed in thin trade, reflecting a lack of fresh incentives. The Hang Seng index edged down 1.01 to 2,490.23.

SINGAPORE: Prices were lower over a broad front on lack of buying interest and bouts of selling. The Straits Times industrial index dropped 9.32 to 958.94.

BOMBAY: Prices slipped on widespread profit-taking on rumours that anticipated tax relief on dividend income might not materialise.

FRANKFURT: Market closed for Whit Monday holiday.

ZURICH: Market closed for Whit Monday holiday.

LONDON: Prices were mixed with a lower bias in quiet trading as investors showed little interest at the start of the new account. At 1414 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 2.5 at 1,767.7.

## Tagi-GTI link-up planned

By Khaled Ahmad

TALAL Abu Ghazaleh, chairman of the Arab Chartered Accountants Forum, and chairman of Talal Abu Ghazaleh International (Tagi), announced at a press conference, held yesterday in Kuwait, that his firm had joined with Grant Thornton International (GTI), one of the 10 largest international accounting and consulting firms.

At the conference, attended by Bob Kleckner, managing director of GTI, Abu Ghazaleh described the "cooperative spirit" as a qualitative step aimed at linking the Arab area with the rest of the world. He added, the establishment would utilise this link to provide sophisticated services to its clients, similar to those offered outside the Arab world.

## Changes

"He commented that the accounting and auditing profession is passing through rapid changes throughout the world and Arab professionals should familiarise themselves with the latest techniques in accounting and auditing procedures. He said, the added expertise and capabilities of GTI would contribute significantly towards enhancing the capabilities of



Abu Ghazaleh (centre) addresses the press conference.

Arab professional accountants. Further, this link would provide his establishment, and consequently Arab accountants, with the needed international exposure. He clarified, the link does not conflict with existing agreements or its membership in

international organisations. He went on to say, that Western markets, particularly the United States, possessed advanced capabilities, especially in the field of information.

On reasons for international attention being focussed on the

area, Abu Ghazaleh said "all analysis indicate the Arab world will witness hectic financial growth in the coming decade. In confirming this statement, Bob Kleckner, said, he considered it to be one of the reasons for the link-up.

## Bahrain plays major role in financing of large-scale industries

## Kuwait tries to stimulate private sector investment

This is the third part of the article "Focus on new development strategy in the Gulf." The first part of the article appeared in the Arab Times on May 19-20. The second part appeared on May 22.

In Bahrain, the government has played a major role in the financing of large-scale industries. The government participates in the equity capital of large aluminium industries and petrochemicals. These projects are mostly joint-ventures with other GCC governments and foreign private companies. The government holds the largest share in Alba (\$7.9 per cent), Bahrain Atomizers International (51 per cent) and has total ownership of the Bahrain Aluminium Extrusion Company (Baleco). In Garmco and Gulf Petrochemicals Industries, the respective capital share of the government is 20 per cent and 33.3 per cent.

In the other GCC countries, the public sector is dominant in heavy industry, and more particularly in oil refining, fertilisers, petrochemicals, iron and steel and cement industries.

However, in Qatar the first non-oil industry, cement, was established in the late 1960s as a joint venture between the government and the private sector.

The Kuwaiti government has encouraged the mobilisation of private sector investment in manufacturing through the establishment of mixed sector companies, in which the state has a substantial equity participation.

On average, the share of the government in the paid-up capital of eight public industrial shareholding companies accounted for 43.3 per cent in 1986.

There are many niches in the Gulf markets that have not yet been filled and where joint ventures with foreign institutions may prove quite profitable. Any product or service which fills a local need (import substitution) or can be exported and does not require long term subsidies and protection to become commercially viable may be considered.

The comparative advantage of the region as a manufacturing base lies in the availability of cheap energy and the low priced local feedstock already produced from existing petrochemical plants.

The presence of modern infrastructure, the wide-ranging industrial incentives and subsidies as well as the availability of capital funding comprise added advantages.

There are as well promising opportunities for joint venture investments in the services sector.

tors which contribute about a third of the region's GDP.

The region is a big consumer of foreign services with roughly one fifth of total consumption being spent on imported services. Operations and maintenance is undoubtedly the biggest growth area.

The regional market is estimated to be worth more than \$12 billion a year. Other promising opportunities include health care, telecommunications, computers and data processing, technology transfer, human resources development, marketing, research and information and general personnel support services.

## Investors

The preferred areas where foreign investors are encouraged to enter in joint ventures with Gulf partners include the following:

During the past few years primary petrochemical industries have come on stream in several Gulf countries. Private investors in the region are looking for foreign partners who can join them in establishing specialised petrochemical plants producing such products as plastics, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, solvent, fertilisers, resins, aromatic carbons, naphtha, paints, rubber products, nylon and polyester fibres, detergents,

animal feeds and other miscellaneous products. These industries can draw on relatively cheap basic and intermediate products including those processable on an export basis.

They also enjoy a major comparative advantage available in the region, namely the abundant and low cost source of energy, such as gas and hydrocarbon fuels in general.

Several mineral resources exist in economic quantities in Saudi Arabia, Oman and UAE. These include iron ore, potash, copper, phosphate, gold limestone, etc.

The industries based on these mineral resources are characterised as being capital and energy intensive. Developing such primary industries normally creates external economies and forward linkages that would render investments in derived secondary product industries more profitable.

## Opportunities

The easiest way to see opportunities here is to look at the leading brands in the market and then see if these can be produced locally. There are several successful joint ventures in this field, examples of which include the various dairy plants established in the region by joint Danish and local companies.

A plant in Saudi Arabia to produce Pampers nappies,

parliament and other reports of intensifying racial violence as heightening the supply concern.

Another factor boosting interest in platinum is concern about inflation, particularly in the United States where economic growth is faster than expected this year, they said.

Investors traditionally buy precious metals in times of inflation as a means of maintaining the value of their money.

"Inflation is a greater worry now than the fears of a recession," said Geoff Robson, metals analyst for Johnson Matthey Plc.

Kufuma furniture in Kuwait, a joint venture with Scandinavian interests, and several joint ventures with Swiss, American, German Irish and French companies working in food processing and packaging industries.

Once the established brands start being manufactured locally it will immediately enjoy a secure market. The manufacture of these products locally would also create demand for a whole range of other related products and materials.

These depend on the preceding industries, or are dependent on the presence of large markets for their products in the Gulf area in particular and in the Arab region in general. Examples of these industries include: the manufacturing and assembling of certain types of vehicles, industries catering to the national and regional defence and security sectors as well as industrial requirements that serve other sectors such as the oil industry, agriculture, light industries, metal constructions and medical products.

Oil is absolutely the largest sector in the region and its needs and requirements are numerous during the different stages of production (exploration, extraction, transportation and refining). Since its beginning, the oil industry has been contributing to the development of a large associate business sector, and many industrial projects could emerge to serve this industry.

The development of selective high technological, infrastructural and engineering industries would make it possible for countries of the region to attain a certain degree of technological independence and would help in the transfer and assimilation of technology.

Examples of such products include, power projects, desalination plants, electrical inter-connection projects, air conditioning units, storage systems, valves, electrical accessories, lifting and heating machines and security systems among others.

## Concluded

## Crushing debt casts pall over OAU 25th anniversary

NAIROBI, May 23, (Reuters): Africa's crushing debt, defying hopes for a quick cure, casts a pall over this week's 25th anniversary meeting of the 49 member Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

African leaders gather on Wednesday for the annual OAU summit, held jointly with celebrations to mark the birth of the organisation in 1963.

But any toast to achievements of unity and solidarity will be tempered by worry over the debt, hunger, poverty, drought and civil strife that have ravaged many African economies.

Their last summit, six months ago, was convened specially to find ways of easing Africa's \$220-billion debt burden.

The extent of the burden was underlined today by the current OAU chairman, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, who said African nations simply could not pay up now and should be given until well into the next century to rebuild their economies before having to repay their debts.

## Debt

"African countries should not throw in the towel and do nothing about their debts," Kaunda told the pan-African news agency, but "we must declare in very clear terms to the creditors that they (African countries) will pay given at least a 20-year grace period to recover."

The OAU decided at last December's summit to re-launch an initiative first floated three years ago calling for an international debt conference at which African borrowers would benefit from collective bargain-

ing on measures for debt relief. So far, however, the call for such talks to be held next November or December, and to discuss an array of concessions sought by the OAU including rescheduling of debts for up to 60 years, has fallen on deaf ears.

A 12-member ministerial committee last March shared out responsibility for contacts with Western governments, multilateral institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), commercial banks and even Latin American borrowers to drum up support for debt negotiations.

## Strategy

But IMF officials continue to support the current strategy of treating each country's debt separately.

The leader of a European Economic Community (EEC) team to Third World aid and trade talks in Mauritius this month endorsed the stand.

"There appears to be no single solution," Helmut Schaefer, minister of state at West Germany's Foreign Affairs Ministry, said on May 11 after a Lome Convention meeting between the 12-nation EEC and 66 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. They have to be different from country to country, I think."

## Lenders

Creditors have launched several initiatives in the past year to help defuse Africa's debt crisis, which results largely from depressed world prices for the continent's oil, farm and metal exports.

Action by Western governments, the World Bank, IMF

and the Abidjan-based African Development Bank (ADB) is expected to make available more than \$3 billion a year in fresh aid for sub-Saharan Africa alone.

Western governments and other lenders have extended repayment periods and agreed to soften interest terms on certain debts.

But the head of the Third World delegation at this month's Lome talks, Niger's Planning Minister Almoustapha Soumaila, said comprehensive and durable solutions still have to be found.

Last December, the EEC unveiled a two-year, \$600-million emergency aid package for countries south of the Sahara desert — the world's poorest area.

But, sticking to the policy of most of Africa's creditors, EEC officials say only countries that agree to IMF — or World Bank-sponsored economic reforms will benefit.

## Reforms

Some 28 sub-Saharan countries are implementing such reforms. But for some others in Africa, prospects look bleak.

Zambia, which one year ago abandoned the IMF line in favour of a go-it-alone economic policy, says it has no regrets despite action by other donors to withhold \$300 million in aid because of the break.

The IMF has declared Zambia, Sudan, Liberia and Sierra Leone ineligible for funds from it because of arrears on repayments of previous debts, a move which often prompts governments, banks and other lenders to cut off aid.

## Nations battle for riches as economic power shifts to Pacific

OSAKA, Japan, May 23, (Reuters): A shift in economic power from the Atlantic to the Pacific region has touched off a scramble among rich and poor nations for a piece of the action, diplomats and businessmen say.

A host of countries, from the Soviet Union to Chile, told the Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference, meeting here last week that they wanted to join the organisation to participate in the economic success of the region.

When the Soviet Union fully aware of the growing economic significance of the Pacific, said Evgeniy Primakov, director of the Institute of world economy and international relations at Moscow's academy of science.

## Crisis

The Soviet Union and the indebted countries of Latin America want to join just as the Pecos is undergoing an identity crisis due to the shift in economic power to the rapidly growing economies of Asia.

For the past eight years, the Pecos has been content to remain a loose confederation of government, business and corporate leaders from throughout the region.

But with the region's increased importance in world trade, many delegates said they see a need to strengthen the Pecos to better coordinate economic policies in the Pacific.

## Proposals

The Japanese were the most ambitious in their proposals, with some of their delegates suggesting a Pacific organisation modelled on the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and development, the Paris-based Club of rich nations.

"I (propose) the establishment of a forum ... for the promotion

of free economic as well as cultural and information exchange," former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone told the conference. "Simply stated, this forum can be a Pacific OECD."

Some Japanese delegates said a Pacific OECD was needed to counteract the bloc formation of what they see as trade blocs in North America and Europe.

## Uncomfortable

Others saw the need for a bridge between the West, especially the United States, and Asia's newly industrialised countries.

Japan has felt increasingly uncomfortable with the criticism levelled at the Nics' trade policies by the United States. Unlike Washington, Tokyo is running a trade surplus with the Nics, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan, each of which except Hong Kong is a Pecos member.

Japanese suggestions for a Pacific OECD founded, partly because other countries did not want the Pecos to become dominated by bureaucrats, but also because many were afraid of an expansion of Japanese influence.

## Fears

A senior US delegate was not alone in voicing fears that a Pacific OECD would end up being dominated by Japan, staffed mostly by Japanese, with its headquarters in Tokyo.

Some academics here said such fears were not misplaced. Even in America's neighbour Mexico, Japan is the second largest foreign investor, a Mexican representative said.

The Asian and US economies "will become more integrated into the financial and economic structure of Japan," said University of Southern California

professor Richard Drobnick. Even while delegates from other Asian nations were rebuffing Japanese calls for a Pacific OECD, they were urging Tokyo to expand its imports from and aid to other countries in the region.

Although the idea of a Pacific OECD failed to find favour, many here said the Pecos needed to become more structured, with a permanent secretariat and more contacts with governments.

## Cooperation

"In view of the importance of the Pacific economies ... there is a growing need for closer economic cooperation," the Pecos standing committee said. "More frequent and regular exchange of information and views on the macroeconomic situation and policy is now of greater importance."

Such cooperation is not easily achieved.

The United States insisted that it be in charge of the annual Pacific economic outlooks the Pecos will issue from now on, with Japan relegated to a secondary role. The first outlook, which painted a rosy future for the Pacific region but raised some doubts about the ability of America to deal with its huge trade deficit, was mostly the work of Japan.

## Approaches

The OECD itself is exploring ways of expanding its contacts with the Pacific to open up a dialogue with the Asian newly industrialised countries on ways to redress the imbalances in world trade.

Some delegates said South Korea and Singapore should join the OECD, but so far no formal approaches have been made.

## California firm wins big military contract

ANKARA, May 23, (AP): A California company, FMC, has signed a \$1-billion contract to manufacture armoured combat vehicles in a venture with the Turkish government, officials said today.

The Food Machinery Corporation had competed for the contract against Krauss-Maffei of West Germany and GKN of Britain.

At the signing ceremony, Premier Turgut Ozal said the project will mean jobs for 10,000 Turks.

## Vehicles

The first vehicles are scheduled to be completed in 18 months, officials said.

In all, 1,700 armoured vehicles of different types for the Turkish military are planned to be produced over 10 years.

Officials said FMC will build a production plant in partnership with the Nuroi company of Turkey and would provide \$550 million in easy term credits. The credit terms were not disclosed.

The government took two years to decide on the deal.

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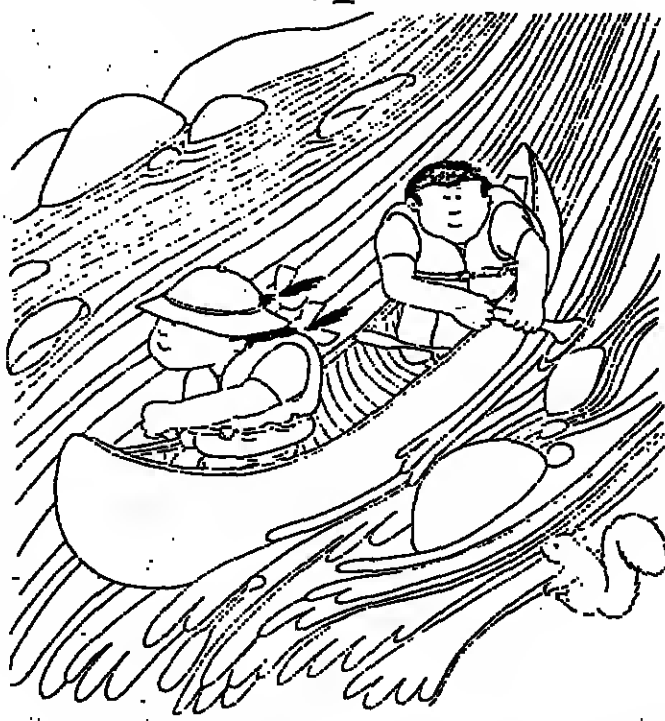
As students you know the importance of turning assignments in on time. It is equally important to be punctual when meeting friends when a time has been set.

Time is very precious and it is inconsiderate to waste other people's time by keeping them waiting. Try to be punctual not only when you meet friends but when you go out with your mother and father as well.

Practice being on time now and you will establish a worthwhile lifetime habit.

Aunt Barbara

## Hidden pictures



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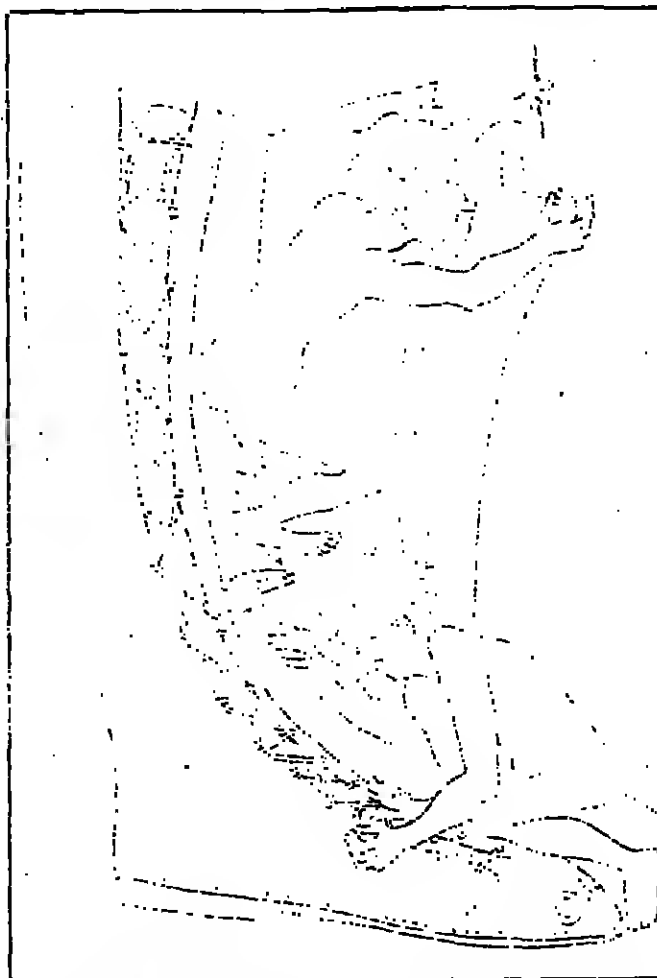
## The elves and the shoemaker

A SHOEMAKER had grown so poor that he had only enough leather left to make one pair of shoes. In the evening he cut them out so that he would be ready to start work first thing in the morning. Then he went to bed, but when he awoke next day and sat down at his work bench, he found a pair of shoes, all finished and beautifully made. Soon a customer came in and paid so well for the shoes that the shoemaker was able to buy enough leather to make two new pairs. These he also cut out in the evening, and again in the morning when he sat down to work there they were, two pairs, perfectly made.

One night, shortly before Christmas, as the shoemaker was about to go to bed, he said to his wife, "Shouldn't we stay up just once and see who has been doing our work for us?"

And so they lit a candle, hid behind the clothes that hung in a corner of the room and waited. At midnight two dainty, naked elves appeared. They sat themselves down at the workbench, took the leather the shoemaker had prepared, and worked so nimbly, with such unbelievable swiftness, that the shoemaker, in his astonishment, could not take his eyes off them. The elves did not stop until everything was completed, then they sprang up and disappeared, and it was still a long time to daylight.

## About elves



The wife said to her husband, "These tiny men have made us rich. We must show our gratitude. I feel so sorry for them, running around in the cold without clothing. I will make them shirts, vests, coats and pants and knit them stockings, and you make for each of them a tiny pair of shoes."

The husband agreed, and in the evening, when all was ready, they spread out the clothing, and anxious to see how the elves would react, they again hid themselves and waited. Once more the little people came at midnight. When they saw the clothes, they seemed very happy and quickly put them on. Then

they began to hop and jump and dance, and so they danced their way out of the door and never came back again.

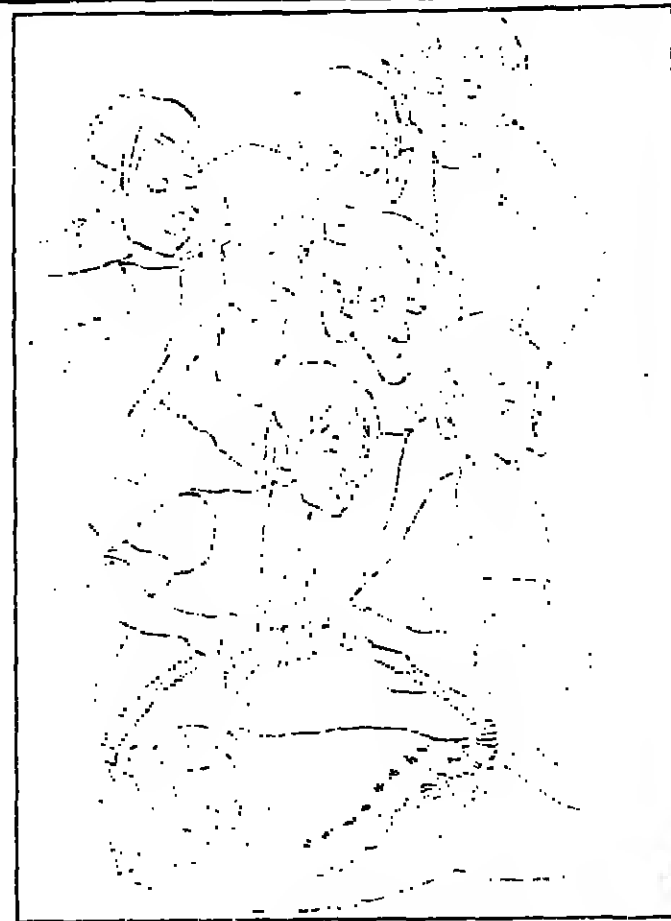
## The elves ask a servant girl to be godmother

A POOR servant girl, who was industrious and clean, each day swept the dirt away from in front of the door into a great heap. One day she found a letter on top of the heap, and because she couldn't read, she brought the letter to her master. It was an invitation from the elves to be godmother at the christening of one of their children.

The girl considered the request, and finally, after it was explained to her that it would not do to turn down an invitation from the elves, she accepted.

Three elves arrived and escorted her to a hollow mountain. Everything was small, but indescribably rich and elegant. The new mother lay in a bed of ebony. Whole pearls served as knobs for the bedposts. The bedclothes were made of gold cloth, the cradle of ivory and the baby's bath of gold.

The girl had stood godmother and was ready to leave, but the elves begged her to visit three days longer. She enjoyed her stay, and when the three days were over, the elves stuffed her pockets full of gold and led her home. But when she arrived, it turned out that instead of three days she had spent a whole year in the mountain.



## The woman and the changeling elf

THE elves stole a child from its crib and in its place left a blockhead, with staring eyes, that did nothing but eat and drink.

The mother in despair went to a neighbour to ask for advice. The neighbour told her to carry the changeling into the kitchen, place him next to the hearth, and then set water to boil in two eggshells. That would make the changeling laugh, and once he laughed, he would have to return to the place he

had come from. The mother did as her neighbour advised, and when she set the eggshells filled with water to boil, the changeling said:

"Now it's told as the West Wood I'm old and never till now have I seen cooking in eggshells."

He burst out laughing, and as he laughed, a crowd of elves appeared, bringing the true child with them. They sat him down by the hearth and took their own fellow away.

## Let's cook

## Bread and butter pudding

**Ingredients**  
4 slices white bread  
25g (1 oz) butter  
50g (2 oz) mixed dried fruit  
25g (1 oz) caster sugar  
1 egg  
250 ml (1/2 pint) milk

**Equipment**  
500 ml (1 pint) ovenproof dish  
Knife and fork  
Measuring jug

- Put oven on at Gas Mark 4 (electricity 350 F/180 C).
- Carefully cut off crusts from bread and spread the four slices with butter. Grease the dish. Place crusts in the bottom.
- Cut each slice of bread into four, either squares or triangles.
- Arrange pieces of bread over the crusts and around the sides of the dish and sprinkle some of the fruit and sugar over the bread.
- Put in another layer of bread, the rest of the fruit and some of the sugar.
- Cover this with the rest of the bread with the buttered side up. Sprinkle with the rest of the sugar.
- Beat the egg well into the milk and gently pour over the pudding. Let this stand for 10 minutes so that the bread will soak up the milk.
- Put into oven and bake for 30-45 minutes until set and the top is crisp and golden.
- Serve immediately.



**Ingredients**  
100g (4 oz) plain flour  
Pinch of salt  
1 egg + milk to make up to 250 ml (1/2 pint)  
Lard for frying

**Equipment**  
Small frying pan  
Serving plate  
Whisk  
Sieve  
Palette knife

- Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour.
- Beat egg and milk

## Apple and raisin pancakes

- together.
- Gradually add beaten egg and a little milk to flour mixture and stir well.
- Work in rest of liquid and mix to a smooth batter. (If any lumps occur, whisk well). Chill before using.
- Melt a little lard in a heavy frying pan. Tilt so that the fat covers base empty away any excess.
- Pour a little batter mix-

ture into the pan and tilt so that the mixture covers the base. More mixture can be added if needed but pancakes should not be too thick. Cook for 2-3 minutes until set. Free edges with palette knife and shake pan gently to free centre. Turn the pancake over.

- Cook for a further 2-3 minutes. Turn onto warm plate and serve hot with fresh lemon or orange juice.

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## How to tell seals from sea lions

Many varieties of seals live beyond the Arctic Circle. All these animals have short necks and no external ears. It is this latter feature that distinguishes true seals from sea lions which have prominent ears.

Seals range in size from the little fresh-water seal of Siberia, about one metre long, to the enormous sea elephant of the subantarctic regions, which can grow to 6 metres in length.

The most common type of seal, however, grows to a length of just over 2 metres. Its fur is brown or yellowish with dark patches. The seal's hind legs are part of its tail and cannot be used for walking. For this reason it moves by lunging its body along in a clumsy manner when on land.

On the ice the animal is not so awkward and it slides along for considerable distances. But the seal's true element is the sea for this animal is an extremely skilful swimmer and dives at the slightest sign of danger.

## How turtles swim

It seems impossible that tortoises that move in such a slow, cumbersome manner should have relatives that swim fast through the ocean. Turtles, which very closely resemble tortoises, are sometimes as quick as fish in moving through the

## The how of animals



water, despite their heavy shell.

These turtles can weigh up to 250 kilograms but they have adapted wonderfully to aquatic life. Through living in the sea for millions of years, their bodies have become streamlined and their paws have turned into flippers. Turtles come ashore only to lay their eggs. They drag themselves on to deserted beaches where they dig holes for their eggs.

Their home is the sea and that is where they find their food. Turtles eat meat or plants according to their species. The meat of the turtle itself is regarded as a delicacy, especially the green turtle of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The scientific name of turtles is Chelonia and they belong to the reptile class.

## How the salmon passes waterfalls

The salmon lives near the coast-line in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in the northern hemisphere. In the month of June it leaves the ocean and swims up the river to the place where it was born. The salmon looks for fresh water with plenty of oxygen in it. Nobody knows what makes the fish undergo such tremendous difficulties to complete its journey, but the salmon goes on and many of them die before their journey's end.

In its journey upstream the salmon has to get past waterfalls. It does this by leaping out of the water, bending itself almost double to do so. Many salmon die of sheer exhaustion while others are caught and devoured by such

## animals as bears.

When the fish has finally reached the fresh, clear waters of its destination, the female digs a pit in the stream gravel into which she lays her eggs. The male immediately fertilizes them and the female covers them with gravel. The Pacific salmon dies soon after spawning, but many Atlantic salmon return to the sea and may spawn again. Most spawning takes place in the late summer; the young are born about two or three months later and swim to the sea after about two years.

## How the condor became a symbol of freedom

There is an old tradition among the Indians of Lake Titicaca that dates back to the Spanish conquest of South America. It concerns the fight between a condor and a bull. The condor was the emblem of the Indians while the bull represented the Spanish conquerors. According to the story the condor was put into a sack with only its neck and head left free and the sack was then tied to the back of the bull. The condor began to peck savagely at the bull's head so that the bull leapt about madly to get rid of its attacker.

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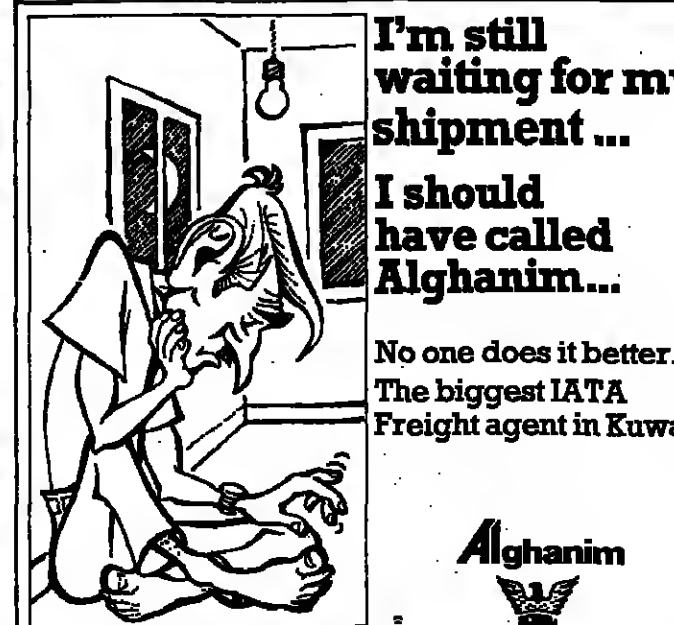
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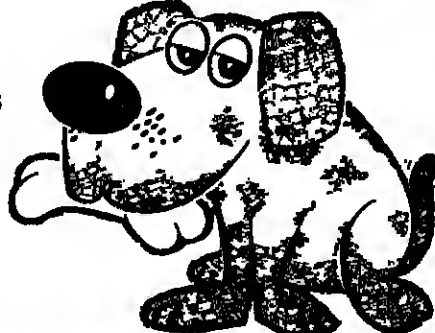
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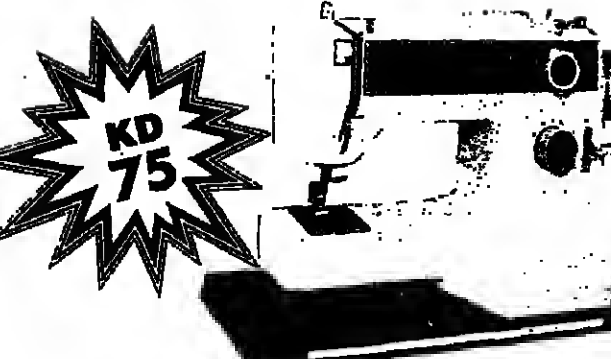
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ATHLETICS

Cruz beats Overt in 1,500m

SAO PAULO, Brazil, May 23, (Reuters). Brazil's Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz held off a late challenge by Britain's Steve Overt to win the 1,500 metres event at the international athletics meeting in Brazil yesterday. A capacity crowd of 10,000 at the Maracanã stadium cheered as Cruz crossed the line well ahead of Overt at three minutes 41.40 seconds, against 3.42.28 by the Briton.

Although their times were slow in terms of records, Cruz was jubilant. He celebrated with the partisan crowd throughout his last lap, waving and sending kisses.

"It's good to win in Brazil," Cruz said. "The time is not important at this point. Overt put on a pressure at the end and, even though tired, I managed to retain the lead."

He said he would compete in the Seoul Olympics in the 800 metres, in which he is the defending Olympic champion, as well as in the 1,500 metres.

Overt said he was not disappointed with his performance, considering it was the first time in three years that he had run the 1,500 metres.

**Trials**

"I felt a bit tired but I think I did well," he said. "I can't move fast now, because I want to reach my peak between July and August, when we'll have the Olympic trials in Britain."

The hero of the day for the Brazilians was sprinter Robson Caetano da Silva, who won both the 100 metres (10.37 seconds) and the 200 metres (20.51 seconds).

Da Silva, who beat former world champion Calvin Smith of the United States in the 200 metres, said he was confident of winning a medal in that event in Seoul.

Among the women, 100-metre queen Evelyn Ashford of the United States had a slow start but recovered to win her event in 11.30 seconds.

Ashford said she was concerned about the US Olympic trials because she thought that, to qualify for the 100 metres, she would have to run it in less than 11 seconds.

PORTUGUESE HAVE TRADITION ON THEIR SIDE

Benfica and PSV set for Cup final

STUTTGART, West Germany, May 23, (Reuters). Despite the absence of Benfica's inspirational captain Diamantino, a night of enterprising soccer remains in prospect on Wednesday when the Portuguese champions meet PSV Eindhoven in the European Cup final.

Midfield mainspring Diamantino was carried off with torn knee ligaments on Saturday during Benfica's 3-0 win over Guimaraes and was immediately ruled out of the club's first appearance in a Champions' Cup final for 20 years.

Though he will be sorely missed, both Benfica and PSV possess enough other players of outstanding talent to offer the prospect of a final worthy of following Porto's exhilarating triumph over Bayern Munich.

The Portuguese victory in Vienna last year helped to fuel the ambitions of Benfica whose last appearance at the summit of the European club game came in 1968 when they were beaten 4-1 after extra time by England's Manchester United.

The football that night was a glorious testimony to the attacking instincts of two teams renowned for their flair and pace and few neutrals will watch Wednesday's final without recalling Benfica's stirring achievements of the past.

Winners of the trophy in 1961, Benfica reached the final again in 1962 when they overcame Real Madrid 5-3, with Eusebio scoring twice in one of the most famous of all Champions' Cup finals.

Eusebio, now an assistant coach at the club with whom his name is synonymous, believes the current Benfica team is excellent and well capable of keeping the European Cup in Portugal.

His confidence may be well placed, as Benfica, with such seasoned Portuguese internationals as Alvaro Magalhães and António Pacheco augmented by a host of Brazilians, have tradition and experience on their side.

But PSV, appearing in the final of Europe's premier club tournament for the first time, should not be under-valued.

While Benfica have had to concede the Portuguese title this season to Porto, PSV have retained theirs for the third successive year with such a swagger most of their rivals had conceded defeat long before the end of the season.

**Captured**

The small Eindhoven club, backed by the enormous wealth of electrical giants Philips, finished nine points clear of runners-up to Ajax Amsterdam, losing only two of 34 League matches and scoring more than 100 goals. They also won the Dutch Cup on May 12 — their last competitive outing — when they beat Roda JC 3-2 after extra time.

Not since the heyday of Ajax and Johan Cruyff in the 1970s have a Dutch team captured so

much attention with the quality of their football.

In Dutch international libero Ronald Koeman, Danish work-horse Søren Lerby and his midfield colleague Gerald Vanenburg, PSV have three players of the highest class whose skills perfectly harmonise within the team.

"Ajax's great sides of the 1970s relied too much on Cruyff," said PSV coach Guus Hiddink. "Now PSV have players who can come forward to attack from every side of the pitch."

Hiddink's comment did little to disguise his admiration for inventive teamwork or his pleasure in seeing PSV emerge stronger this season after the sale of European Player of the Year Ruud Geul to AC Milan of Italy.

"We have a new generation of Dutch players at club and national level who can achieve more than the 1970s because the teams have strength in depth," he added.

Like their predecessors, PSV not only have the skill but also the temperament for the big occasion — a quality they have already shown by eliminating Bordeaux and Real Madrid on away goals in successive rounds to reach the final.

That quality, a blend of rugged determination and cold tactical acumen, could prove to be their most dangerous weapon against the technically brilliant, instinctive, but perhaps less durable, Portuguese.

**Aggregate**

Against the Danes of Aarhus, Benfica scrapped through only 1-0 aggregate in the second round against Partizan Tirana of Albania.

They reached the final with further victories over Anderlecht (2-1 on aggregate) and 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest (2-0). PSV beat Galatasaray (3-2), Rapid Vienna (4-1), Bordeaux (1-1) and Real Madrid (1-1) to earn their place in the final.

Orioles score 2nd straight victory

BALTIMORE, May 23, (AP). After almost two months of the most dismal baseball in history, things may finally be looking up for the Baltimore Orioles.

They combined the five-hit pitching of rookie Jose Bautista and Mike Morgan with home runs by Larry Sheets and Cal Ripken to defeat the Seattle Mariners 7-2 yesterday for their first two-game winning streak of the 8-34 season.

Seattle's Mike Moore walked four of the first nine batters he faced but held the Orioles hitless until the fourth when he issued a leadoff walk to Eddie Murray and Sheets hit a two-run homer, his third, giving the Orioles a 2-0 lead.

Ripken made it 4-0 in the fifth with his seventh homer with Keith Hughes on base via a single.

Bautista had retired 14 batters in a row until a two-out single by Ken Phelps in the seventh. Mickey Brantley followed with a home run to cut the Orioles' lead.

However, Baltimore scored three times in the eighth on a hit batsman and a bulk, both with the bases loaded, and Hughes' sacrifice fly.

**Yankees 2, Athletics 0**  
John Candelaria pitched a

two-hitter, striking out 13, and Jack Clark hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning as the New York Yankees beat the Oakland Athletics 2-1 yesterday, taking two of three games in the weekend duel of American League division leaders.

Candelaria, 6-2, retired the first 14 batters, striking out seven. Dave Henderson broke the string when he doubled with two out in the fifth. Oakland's only other baserunner was Carney Lansford, who singled with two out in the sixth.

Don Mattingly opened the Yankees' fourth against Storm Davis with a double and Clark followed with his eighth home run.

**Results**

American League	Score
Boston	12 California 4
Detroit	3 Chicago 1
New York	2 Oakland 0
Baltimore	7 Seattle 2
Cleveland	8 Kansas City 7
Milwaukee	7 Toronto 1
(1) Minnesota	15 Texas 5
(2) Minnesota	4 Texas 2

National League	Score
San Francisco	7 Montreal 2
Chicago	5 Cincinnati 1
Atlanta	6 Pittsburgh 4
New York	5 Los Angeles 2
San Diego	9 Philadelphia 4
Houston	2 St Louis 1

Warwickshire score rare one-day win

LONDON, May 23, (Reuters). A Sunday Cricket League best performance of five for 23 by paceman Dermot Reeve gave Warwickshire their first win of the season when they beat second-placed Essex by six wickets at Edgbaston yesterday.

After coming bottom of the League last year and without a win in three matches this season, Warwickshire dismissed Essex for 130 and then passed that total for the loss of only four wickets with 4.1 overs in hand.

**Embarrassment**

The first six Essex wickets tumbled for 49 and it was only a rapid 40-off 29 balls by England fast bowler Neil Foster that saved them even greater embarrassment.

There was also a Sunday best from Yorkshire medium pacer Stuart Fletcher who took four for 11 as Kent were bowled out for 116 in reply to Yorkshire's 159 for six in their 40 overs at Canterbury.

Surrey, sixth in the table at the start of the day, joined Middlesex

at the top after a fine all-round performance by captain Ian Greig saw them to a seven-wicket win over Northamptonshire at the Oval.

Greig took three for 20 as Northants were dismissed for 133 and then scored an unbeaten 56 as Surrey passed the total with two overs to spare.

Middlesex were without a League match yesterday.

Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick defied a thigh injury to hit 66 and lead defending champion Worcestershire to a four wicket triumph over Leicestershire.

After former England captain David Gower had scored 50 in Leicestershire's 197 for nine at Leicester, Hick cracked a six and six fours as Worcestershire passed the home team's total with two balls to spare.

Earlier, Worcestershire openers Tim Curtis and Steve Rhodes had put on 83 for the first wicket.

**Results**

At Canterbury: Yorkshire beat Kent by 43 runs. Yorkshire 159 for six in 40 overs; Kent 116 for six in 40 overs.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Sussex by six wickets. Sussex 152 for eight in 50 overs; Nottinghamshire 156 for four in 38.1 overs (J. Birch 65 not out). Nottinghamshire four points.

At Cambridge: Middlesex 262 and 31 for two, Cambridge University 237 for seven declared (M. Atherton 151 not out, S. Hughes four for 39).

At Leicester: Worcestershire beat Leicestershire by four wickets. Leicestershire 197 for nine in 50 overs (O. Gower 50, P. Willey 43, A. Pridgen four for 36). Worcestershire 201 for six in 39.4 overs (G. Hick 66, T. Curtis 50, P. Willey three for 20). Worcestershire four points.

At Newport: Glamorgan beat Derbyshire by 25 runs. Glamorgan 199 for eight in 50 overs (J. Hopkins 60). Derbyshire 174 in 39.2 overs (K. Barnett 90 not out). Glamorgan four points.

**Standings**

English Sunday League cricket table after yesterday's matches (tablets under — played, won, lost, no result, points):

Team	Played	Won	Lost	No Result	Points
Middlesex	4	3	0	1	14
Surrey	4	3	0	1	14
Essex	5	3	2	0	12
Glamorgan	4	3	1	0	12
Gloucestershire	4	3	1	0	12
Leicestershire	4	3	1	0	12
Worcestershire	5	3	2	0	12
Kent	5	2	3	0	10
Yorkshire	5	2	3	0	10
Nottinghamshire	5	2	3	0	10
Derbyshire	4	1	3	0	6
Leicestershire	4	1	3	0	6
Hampshire	4	1	3	0	6
Northamptonshire	4	1	3	0	6
Sussex	4	1	3	0	6
Warwickshire	4	1	3	0	6
Somerset	3	0	3	0	0

Sweden sail past Kuwait

FLORENCE, Italy, May 23, (AP). Italy and Sweden both scored third round victories to remain the only two teams undefeated in the men's Olympic qualifying volleyball competition here yesterday.

Canada, which had lost to both Italy and Sweden in the first two rounds, downed Algeria 15-0, 15-7, 15-5.

Italy defeated Taiwan 15-2, 15-4, 17-15 before Sweden banded Kuwait its first loss of the tournament, 15-4, 15-8, 15-2.

Today is a day of rest for the clubs as attention turns to the exhibition match in Verona between the US and the Soviet Union.

Play resumes tomorrow with the following matches: Algeria-Sweden, Canada-Taiwan, Italy-Kuwait.

**Standings**

Standings after third day (tablets under played, won, lost, points):

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Points
Italy	3	3	0	6
Sweden	3	3	0	6
Kuwait	3	1	2	4
Canada	3	1	2	4
Algeria	3	0	3	0
Taiwan	3	0	3	0

The employees of the Financial Section, at the Kuwait Oil Tankers Company, extend their heartfelt condolences to their colleague,

**MOHAMMAD IQBAL SAJID**  
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# KUWAIT'S 2ND BI-ANNUAL OFFSHORE POWERBOAT RACE

to be held on Friday, June 3rd, 1988.



The 61.1 Nautical mile race will start from the beach opposite the Messilah Beach Hotel.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Boats must be at least 18 ft in length.
- Engines must be outboard. If a single engine boat is used, an additional 10hp engine is advised. A maximum of two engines are allowed.
- Crew must have a minimum of two persons. All must be at least 18 years of age.
- Date June 3, 1988.
- The boat must be registered with the port authority of Kuwait, or if the boat is from outside Kuwait, with the authority for its port of origin.

**Safety Requirements**

All participants must have the following equipment:

- A helmet and protective glasses.
- Lifejackets (inflatable life jackets not permitted).
- A marine compass (advanced electronic navigation equipment is prohibited).
- Anchor suitable for the size of the boat and a 25 metre (minimum) rope.
- At least three red safety flares and a fire extinguisher.
- Boats must be adequately supplied with fuel sufficient to cover the race distance.
- Any battery or fuel tank leakages must be well-checked and repaired before the race.
- Each boat should carry either a telephone or a 2 way radio system.

Failure to comply with the above regulations and safety requirements will result in disqualification. Scrutineering will be held prior to the race, and competitors must display their safety equipment on the deck of the boat.

Bulletins detailing further requirements/information will be issued from time to time.

- Participation is open to all Gulf Citizens and residents who have lived in the Gulf for a minimum of six months.
- Last date for accepting entries is May 30, 1988.

**Entry fee per person KD 15.000**

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Zola Budd

LONDON, May 23. (Reuters): Zola Budd, who returned to her native South Africa on May 10 suffering from nervous exhaustion, remains suspended from British athletics until she appears before a British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) inquiry committee, the BAAB said today.

## KCL tourney

THE Kuwait Cricket League announced yesterday that the 1988 KCL Summer Cricket League would start at the KCL Ground, at Sabah Al Salem area, from June 3. Interested teams should contact Sajid Rizvi, president, Kuwait Cricket League before May 31, 1988. Tel. 5332052.

## Chess champion

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, May 23. (AP): World champion Gary Kasparov of the Soviet Union yesterday scored a hard-fought victory in seventh-round action to strengthen his leading position in the Amsterdam chess tournament.

## Hockey tourney

NAIROBI, May 23. (Reuters): Canada, India, hosts Kenya, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and Spain will take part in a hockey tournament here from June 10 to 17. Hardev Singh, secretary of the Kenya Hockey Union, said today.

## French Oaks

PARIS, May 23. (Reuters): Riviera D'or and Norland placed one-two a neck apart in the Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp yesterday and will race each other again in the Prix de Diane Hermes - the French Oaks - at Chantilly in three weeks time.

## Belgian Cup

ANTWERP, Belgium, May 23. (Reuters): Romanian teenager Stela Pura clocked the world's fastest time of the year for the 200 metres butterfly at the Belgian Cup International swimming competition yesterday.

## Stanley Cup

BOSTON, May 23. (Reuters): Esa Tikkanen scored three goals to give the Edmonton Oilers a 6-3 win over the Boston Bruins yesterday and a commanding three games to none lead in the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup final.

## Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, May 23. (Reuters): Three-time winner Johnny Rutherford headed the list of final qualifiers yesterday for the 72nd Indianapolis 500 motor race, but two-time winner Gordon Johncock failed to make the field.

## Major setback

LONDON, May 23. (Reuters): British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan said yesterday the crowd violence at the England-Scotland match was a 'major setback' to the hopes of English soccer clubs being re-admitted to Europe next season.

## Arab Cup

AMMAN, May 23. (Kunat): The chairman of the Kuwait Soccer Association Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah today confirmed the participation of the Kuwaiti national soccer team in the finals of the 5th Arab Cup, which is scheduled to be held here from July 8 to 23.

## Colonial golf

PORT WORTH, Texas, May 23. (Reuters): Lanny Wadkins came from five strokes off the pace yesterday to win the \$75,000 Colonial National Invitation golf tournament by one stroke.

## MCENROE STEALS SHOW ON OPENING DAY

## Graf and Agassi cruise into second round

PARIS, May 23. (Reuters): Steffi Graf began her defence of the French Open title with an untypically distracted display on the opening morning of the championships today.

The teenage champion, winner of the Australian Open at Flinders Park, Melbourne, last January, beat France's Natalie Guerin 6-0 6-4 but gave the impression she would rather have spent the time elsewhere.

Bidding to become the first woman since Margaret Court in 1970 to complete the Grand Slam of all four major championships, Graf threatened to blast Guerin of the centre court at Roland Garros in an 18-minute first set which was a statistician's delight.

**Severe**  
The West German launched the championships by surrendering a mere 11 points — three on serve — in the six games as Guerin, ranked 232nd in the world, struggled to cope with the title holder's savage forehand.

But at 2-0 and 40-15 in the second set, Graf became alarmingly careless as she was already planning her afternoon in the sun by the River Seine.

"It had been very easy up to that point," said Graf. "Then I took a volley at the net when the ball had been going out and that

completely threw me. I was rushing too much, tried too hard to make every shot a winner and just took too many risks."

Andre Agassi's return to Roland Garros attracted a large audience to the centre court where the ninth seed outclassed Italian number one Paolo Cane 6-4 6-1 6-2.

The combination of warm, hazy sunshine and the 1988 Paris debut of the 18-year-old American brought out the rich and famous and there was standing room only in the players' box, further evidence of Agassi's growing standing in the game.

Hana Mandlikova, once of Czechoslovakia now of Australia who was champion here in 1981 as an exciting 19-year-old, began her campaign with smooth 6-2 6-1 win over her new compatriot Elizabeth Minter.

But even Agassi had to bow to the magical appeal of John McEnroe, a straight sets winner over unpredictable Russian Alexander Volkov.

The old master left Roland Garros in disgrace 12 months ago after losing to Argentine Horacio de la Pena on the centre court in the first round.

With Peter Fleming offering encouragement from the front row of the grandstand in his mul-



Graf, distracted in the 2nd set

tipule role of assistant coach, manager and unpaid nanny, McEnroe was in mellow mood winning 7-6 6-1 7-6 on the bulling-shaped number one court.

Still viewed as the world's greatest living tennis player by some, McEnroe had been scheduled to appear on the centre court, but allowed Agassi that privilege in the hope of a quiet life away from the 16,500 capacity showpiece arena.

McEnroe's switch was in vain. They were even sitting in the

aisles in the press box... and that during the famous Roland Garros lunch which includes unlimited free beaoulais.

Back on the centre court, Yannick Noah was serving up champagne tennis in his effortless 7-6 6-1 6-4 win over West German Ricki Osterthun.

Out on court two, third seed Mats Wilander, the winner here in 1982 and 1985 beat Josef Chahok of Czechoslovakia in three sets of unmitigated boredom.

Wilander's tedious 7-5 7-5 6-1

victory in almost three hours recalled his most famous joke — a Swedish tennis player and a Czechoslovak tennis player fling themselves out of a 40th storey window, who lands first? Answer: who cares?

## Results

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7 — Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) beat Angeliki Kanellopoulou (Greece) 6-2 6-4.

8 — Andre Agassi (USA) beat Paolo Cane (Italy) 6-4 6-1 6-2.

9 — Hana Mandlikova (Australia) beat Elizabeth Minter (Australia) 6-2 6-1.

10 — John McEnroe (USA) beat Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) 7-6 6-1 7-6.

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## England bowlers restrict West Indies

LONDON, May 23. (AP): The West Indies laboured to 125 for six off 50 overs in the third one-day cricket international against England at Lord's today as rain and bad light forced the match into a second day.

Tight bowling by England, which already holds an unsailable 2-0 lead in the series, severely restricted the West Indies stroke-makers with seam bowler Philip DeFreitas yielding no runs off his first five overs.

**Struggling**  
Opener Gordon Greenidge battled to 39 with a six and five fours, but Viv Richards went for nine, Gus Logie failed to score.

Desmond Haynes made ten and Richie Richardson continued his run of low scores by struggling to 13.



DeFreitas: tight bowling

The West Indies batsmen were not helped by repeated hold-ups caused by rain and bad light.

They meant the batsmen were unable to settle and the gray skies and damp conditions helped the English bowlers.

Haynes, recalled to the side in place of Phil Simmons, was first to go when he was run out by a brilliant combination of fielding by Chris Broad and Derek Pringle.

Greenidge and Richardson pushed the score on to 75 before the wickets began to tumble with three falling in the space of four runs.

DeFreitas took a tumbling catch on the boundary to remove Greenidge and, four runs later, Richardson edged a ball from Derek Pringle to wicket-keeper Paul Downton.

Logie lasted four deliveries before he was run out by a direct throw from Allan Lamb while chasing a quick single.

Richards was bogged down by the English bowling for 38 minutes before he tried to hit out at a ball from DeFreitas and was caught by John Emburey.

Carl Hooper and Jeff Dujon saw the West Indies through to 100 before bad light caused another interruption.

When play resumed, Hooper was the third West Indian batsman to be run out when he chased a second run, only to be beaten by a stunning throw from the boundary by DeFreitas.

At the close, Dujon was unbeaten on 15 while Malcolm Marshall was on nine.

The match continues tomorrow.

## China thrash England in Thomas Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, May 23. (Reuters): China confirmed their status as favourites for the Thomas Cup today when they demolished England 5-0 on the first day of the World Team Badminton finals.

In the stifling humidity of Kuala Lumpur's Negara stadium, world champion Yang Yang, Xiong Guobao and Zhao Jianhua all had straight-game wins over their English opponents. Both Chinese doubles pairs also won without dropping a game.

England's Steve Baddeley, who was beaten 15-10 15-6 by Xiong Guobao, said the conditions, which forced tournament assistants to sweep sweat regularly from the courts, worked in favour of the Asians.

**Outsiders**  
"I came back in the first set but my muscles got tired. Mentally you get very uncomfortable and it's hard to maintain concentration in the humidity," Baddeley said.

In Group B, Indonesia, favourites to meet China in the final, predictably beat outsiders Sweden by the same margin while the Indonesian women's team routed Malaysia 5-0 in the Uber Cup.

## Celtics defeat tough Hawks

BOSTON, May 23. (Reuters): Larry Bird scored 34 points and Kevin McHale 33 as the Boston Celtics beat the Atlanta Hawks 118-116 yesterday in the seventh and deciding game of the National Basketball Association's Eastern Conference semifinal.

Boston will face the Detroit Pistons in a best-of-seven Eastern Conference championship series beginning on Wednesday.

**Ahead**  
High scorer in the game was Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins with 47 points. Randy Wittman had 22 and Doc Rivers put in 16 and had 18 assists for the Hawks.

Atlanta led 30 to 28 at the end of the first quarter, but the Celtics were ahead 59-58 at the half.

At the end of three quarters, Boston led 84-82 with each team getting 34 points in the last quarter.

## Real finish season with victory

MADRID, May 23. (Reuters): Veteran Real Madrid striker Carlos Santillana celebrated his last professional game with a splendid goal, helping the newly crowned Spanish League champions to end the season with a 2-1 win over Real Valladolid yesterday.

**Relegation**  
Santillana, 35, who is retiring after 17 seasons with Real, scored his side's second goal on the final day of the season with a perfectly timed header which easily beat Valladolid's Chilean goalkeeper Oscar Wirth.

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## Obelmejas takes WBA crown



Obelmejas flashes 'V' signs after winning the title. (Reuters wirephoto)

SEOUL, May 23. (Reuters): Venezuela's Fulgencio Obelmejas felled holder Park Chong-Pal of South Korea three times before winning the World Boxing Association (WBA) super-middleweight title on points today.

The 35-year-old Venezuelan took complete control in the closing rounds of the 12-round bout in the central South Korean city of Chungju.

Park, 28, failed to make good his promise to avenge his 1981 knockout by Obelmejas in a non-title fight in Caracas.

Park was making his second defence of the crown he won by stopping Mexican Jesus Gallardo in the second round last December. He scored a fifth-round knockout over Indonesian Polly Pasireron in his first title defence in March.

There was little to choose between the two boxers in the opening rounds. But the more experienced Venezuelan gradually began to get the upper-

hand and Park suffered a cut eye in the seventh following a clash of heads.

The first knockdown came in the ninth round when Obelmejas sent the champion sprawling face down on the canvas with a crisp, left-right combination to the head. Park struggled to his feet at the count of eight.

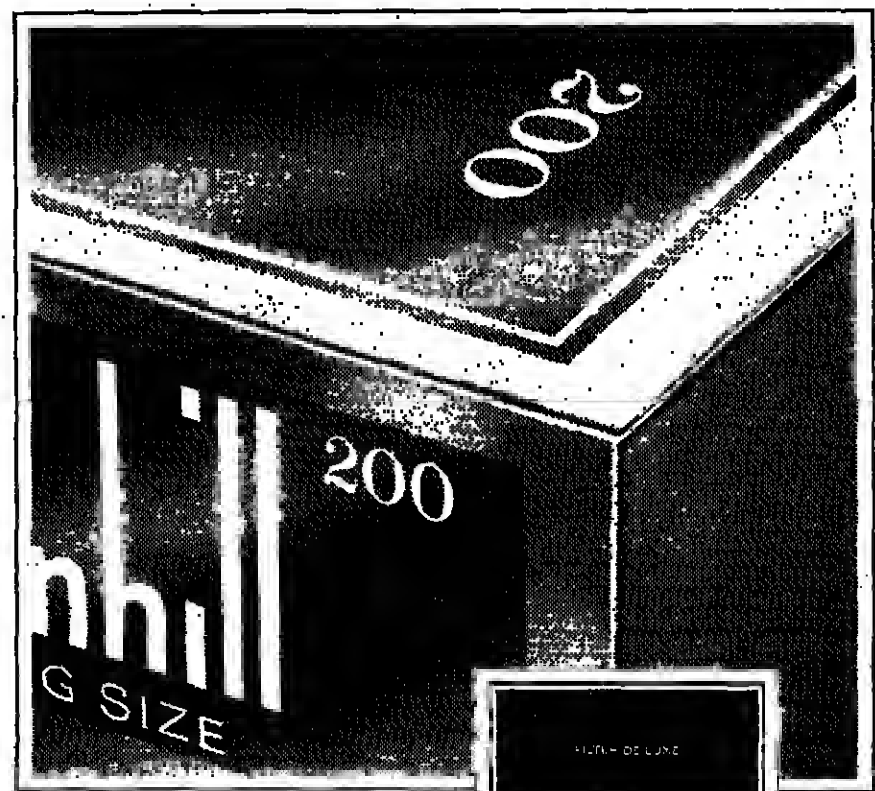
**Blow**  
Shortly afterwards American referee Nick Kwardin suspended the fight for about a minute after a low blow by Obelmejas. The bell saved the Korean from further punishment.

Obelmejas kept up the pressure in the 10th, landing a fierce blow to the body which put Park down for the second time.

Park, bleeding heavily from the nose, struggled to his feet but he was on the canvas again a few seconds later after a vicious left hook to the body.

He weathered the remaining rounds by keeping his distance from the tigerish Obelmejas.

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